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Director warns MPs of layoffs

Pits and jobs threatened in huge coal cuts

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

FOUR out of five British coal mines will be closed and three-quarters of the miners will be sacked if the present energy policy is continued. MPs were

told yesterday.

Malcolm Edwards, the commercial director of the British Coal Corporation, warned MPs that the number of coal mines is likely to fall from 52 to just 12 or 14 by 1996, unless the government

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The cutbacks would mean the loss of more than 35,000 of British Coal's remaining 48,000 jobs. The industry has already laid off more than 120,000 miners since the end of the year-long pit strike in March 1985.

The warning, which emer-ged in evidence to the Commons energy select committee, is the first public confirmdirector that further massive closures and job losses are likely. The committee called Mr Edwards to give evidence even though Neil Clarke,

Maxwells still silent

The Maxwell bothers, Ian and Kevin, have again failed to answer questions, this time in writing, about the hundreds of millions of the Mirror Group Newspapers pension fund.

They are to be reported to the House of Commons for MPs to decide whether they should be held in contempt of parliament, called before the committee of privileges, or penalised in some other way.. Page 2

Dollar denial

Solidarity yesterday denied an American report that CIA cash had helped it to overthrow the communist a former official admitted some American funds had been received...... Page 9

Killer back

The escaped IRA killer, Joseph Doherty, was back under British jurisdiction last night to begin a life sentence passed by a Belfast court in his absence. He was deported to Northern Ireland at the end of a nine-year legal battle to stay in the United

Rabin threat

Yitzhak Rabin is emerging as a strong contender to replace Shimon Peres as leader of the Israeli Labour party. The ruling Likud party fears that under his leadership, Labour can win the next election... Page 11

Libel limits The Court of Appeal ruled that local authorities and government departments cannot bring libel actions. after Derbyshire county council tried to sue The

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change its ways

British Coal's chairman, has removed him from his duties and is seeking his departure from the corporation after internal disagreements over

strategy. British Coal later issued a statement supporting Mr Edwards's warning. However, it insisted: "The number of pits that can be retained will clearly depend on the terms of the next coal contracts. British Coal remains confident that the number will remain considerably greater than the

British Coal has, in the past, refused to confirm forecasts by N M Rothschild, the merchant bank which advised the government on the privatisation of the coal in-dustry, that only 14 mines would remain open.

Both Labour and Conservative committee members said they were "astonished and concerned" that Mr Edwards was not involved in key contract negotiations with British Coal's biggest customers, National Power and PowerGen, the electricity generating companies.

In the Commons yesterday, Frank Dobson, the shadow energy secretary, described the government's coal industry policy as "half-baked, short-sighted and ridiculous". Terry Patchett, Labour MP for Barnsley East, said:
"This is very worrying for
constituencies like mine,
which rely so much on the
industry. These words by Mr
Edwards have borne out our

very worst fears."

Mr Edwards said that the privatisation of the electricity generating industry would mean that sales of coal for power generation by 1996 would fall by 36 million tonnes, a 50 per cent drop, as new gas-fired power stations

He said flaws in the structure of the power privatisa-tion had resulted in a "dash for gas" even though electricity from gas-fired plants would cost more. The higher power costs would be passed

on to the consumer. Mr Edwards said rising power prices would cause energy intensive industries such as chemicals, industrial gases, and steel, to migrate overseas. If that happened, Britain would also lose many industries that relied on the primary producers.

part of its market taken by low-cost imports, Mr Edwards predicted. That message was driven home by reports that National Power and PowerGen yesterday that they are close to signing a long-awaited £150 million contract to build a terminal at Immingham, Humberside, which will have the capacity to import 12 million tonnes of

British Coal would also find

Mr Edwards also said that the use of gas plants, and the expected extension of the lives of many of Britain's subsidised state-owned nuclear power stations, would shut British Coal out of much of

the fuel market.
Gerrard McCloskey, a consultant who advised the committee at an earlier hearing. said yesterday that he agreed with Mr Edwards's assessment. "His evidence was unsullied by any rancour over his difficult position at British Coal," Mr McCloskey said.

Labour MPs reacted angrily in the Commons to the Immingham plans. Kevin Barron, the party's energy spokesman, said: This is a further threat to the British

He claimed that Parliament had been misled by an adviser to Associated British Ports, the power companies partner in the the project, during the passage of en-abling legislation for development of the terminal.

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Abortion issue may go to referendum

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

IRISH opposition politicians were predicting last night that the government would be forced into an early constitutional referendum on the abortion controversy. A separate referendum on the scheduled for June will make subsequent change

impossible. Sources in the Labour party and in the Progressive Democrats, the junior coalition partners, pointed out that the Maastricht referendum will have the effect of endorsing once again the pro-life clause inserted into the Irish consti-

nation in 1983. The language in that clause has been demonstrated to be highly unsatisfactory following the first test case of it this week which found that a 14year-old rape victim could not travel to Britain to have an abortion. During the negotiations leading up to Decem-



ber's Maastricht summit, Ireland secured a special protocol protecting ita right-to-life clause from new EC social

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Glad all over: Sara Keays leaving the High Court yesterday ater winning her two-week libel action

Keays wins £105,000 victory

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

SARA Keays, the former mistress of Cecil Parkinson, was yesterday awarded £105,000 libel damages over a magazine article which she claimed ortrayed her as a kiss-andtell himbo who tried to make money with revelations about her affair with the former

Conservative party chairman. Miss Keays, aged 44, kissed her solicitor, John Manuell, on the cheek and beamed when the High Court libel jury of nine men and three women announced its verdict after deliberations lasting four and a quarter hours. The hearing had

After the verdict, Miss Keays said: "I am very re-lieved and glad it's all over. I have answered a lot of questions over the last two weeks and I don't want to answer any more. That is the end of it, that is the verdict and

that's it." Mr Manuell said last night: The jury's verdict speaks for itself and the amount of damages awarded is a complete vindication of Miss Keays. It was a sensible award."

Miss Keays, who lives with Flora, her eight-year-old daughter by Mr Parkinson, at Marksbury, Bath, had sued over references to her in an article headed "Laughing all the way to the bonk". an expose of the so-called kissand-tell industry, in an 1989 issue of New Woman magazine. She claimed damages against the then publishers Murdoch Magazines (UK) Ltd. and Frankie McGowan, the editor, who now face costs of up to £200,000.

Referring to a remark once made by the editor of Private Eye when he lost a libel case, Miss McGowan said: "If Ian Hislop thought when he went down that 'If this is justice Continued on page 16, cel 3

Shaken Bush rolls up his sleeves for battle

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

vote, but Bill Clinton came a

respectable second with 26

PRESIDENT Bush, shaken by Patrick Buchanan's stun-ning performance in Tues-day's New Hampshire primary, yesterday signalled a radical change of course in his re-election campaign. He is abandoning the

remaining above the fray and will instead be out campaigning almost every day between now and the key southern primaries on Super Tuesday, March 10. The White House is also planning direct attacks on Mr Buchanan's "America First" stance and his Gulf war

ly ignoring him.

New Hampshire, which rescued Mr Bush's faltering 1988 campaign, severely re-buked him this time, giving Mr Buchanan 40 per cent of the Republican vote com-pared to 58 for the president. Officials spoke of sheer panic when early results showed

them almost level-pegging. The president, arriving in Tennessee for the start of the offensive yesterday, declared himself ready to "roll up my sleeves and go after" Mr Bu-chanan. "We are going to take this guy on in every single state," he said.

In the Democratic contest, Paul Tsongas, offering the electorate economic castor oil, won a famous underdog's victory with 34 per cent of the

LABOUR claimed last night that John Major would have to take a leap in the dark and launch an election on April 9 without having time to test public reaction to the Budget.

per cent, in spite of allega-tions of adultery and draft-dodging. Mr Tsongas won enjoyed strongest support among blue-collar conservastrong support from centrist independents and said his tive men, the key element of victory would send a strong age to both Washington the Republican coalition that and the Democratic party about the need for pro-busicarried both Ronald Reagan and Mr Bush to the White ness economic realism. Mr Clinton, the Arkansas Mr Bush remains the

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line figures concealed more

governor, calling himself the "comeback kid", declared strong favourite to win back the White House, but no that his campaign was back on track, and he now moves post-war president whose challenger has won more than 35 per cent in New Hampshire has gone on to to more favourable contests in the south. Presidential "spin doctors" win re-election.

put the best face on the New Hampshire result, arguing that a victory was a victory and that Mr Buchanan lacks the appeal or organisation to perform beyond a state suffer ing a uniquely deep recession. But Mr Bush acknowledged that his conservative challenger had reaped a harvest of discontent and that he had been sent a message of

dissatisfaction. William Bennett, Mr Bush's former drugs czar and a leading Republican, said the result was less a "wake-up call" than "Big Ben falling on your head". Mr Buchanan said he would fight all states, and that his "little rebellion" had become a "fully-fledged American revolution" to take

Tories in timetable trap

Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, circulated a paper to the shadow cabinet saying that the legal requirement for a minimum 17-day campaign, excluding bank holidays, meant the prime minister would have to announce

the election on March 11, the

day after the Budget. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, will today discuss the background to his Budget with the cabinet. Although he will not give details of planned tax changes, he is being pressed to make tax cuts to underline the different approach between the parties.

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Scottish Tories' prophet of doom resigns



Townsend: party must

By Sheila Gunn

THE Scottish Tories' head of information has resigned within days of warning the leadership that the party stands no chance of winning more than 30 per cent of the vote in Scotland by 1996.

In a private briefing paper obtained by The Times. Brian Townsend told the Scottish party chairman Lord Sanderson of Bowden that the Tories would never regain the 50 per cent of the Scottish vote they enjoyed in the hey-days of the mid-1950s. The most they could hope for, he said, would be to achieve 30 per cent of the vote in four years if they adopted his strategy of wooing the Scots rather than accusing them of whingeing.

Mr Townsend, who twice stood for Parliament, resigned last Thursday "by mutual agreement", amid speculation of the 72 seats. Tory support of 24 per about a dispute with Lord Sanderson, cent in the 1987 general election had

after only seven months in office. His paper on the long-term decline of the Conservative vote in Scotland was dated January 29.

The disclosure of his advice to the party hierarchy comes as John Major prepares to visit Scotland on Saturday to tell voters that anything less than the status quo would put Scotland on the slippery slope towards splitting the Uni-

Mr Major is also planning an overnight visit to Scotland during the first week of the general election campaign. In addition a posse of Cabinet ministers, including Michael Heseltine, Douglas Hurd, Kenneth Baker and John MacGregor, will venture north of the border in the coming weeks to sell the "union or bust" line.

The Conservatives are now the third party in Scotland, holding only nine out fallen as low as 18 per cent in this parliament and now hovers around the mid-20 mark.

Mr Townsend told Lord Sanderson that the growing disenchantment between England and Scotland had been made worse by "a singular lack of sensitivity" about Scottish matters by some English Tory backbenchers, and even

"We have got to get ministers and MPs to adopt the kind of constructive, conciliatory line that John Major has used so effectively in the past," he said. His resignation came on the same day

that the Foreign Office minister Tristan Garel-Jones astonished British MEPs in Strasbourg by commenting that the Scots were "over-subsidised and over-represented" and talked of "pouring subsidies down the throats of the

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Americans deport IRA killer after lengthy fight

JOSEPH Doherty, the es-caped IRA killer who fought a nine-year legal battle to stay in the United States was under British jurisdiction last night after being deported to Northern Ireland.

His return to serve a life sentence for killing an SAS captain marked a success for the British authorities who face a longer struggle to counter his high profile in America which helped to persuade some US citizens that the IRA was fighting a legitimate nationalist

ruggie.
As Doherty, aged 36, left

Catholic shot in **Belfast**

A ROMAN Catholic man was shot outside a shop in north Belfast yesterday. Police said that the man aged 35 was shot once in the back and was undergoing

surgery.
The anack, in Greencastle, is thought to have been carried out by loyalists, possibly in retaliation for the murder a short distance away on Mon-day of Andrew Johnston, a Protestant, aged 17, by the Irish People's Liberation

 A bomb exploded in a central Belfast store yesterday.

Police said that a warning was given, the store was evacuated and no one was report-

ed injured.

☐ Raymond Elder, aged 28. of Belfast, was remanded in custody yesterday, accused of murdering the five Catholics shot dead at Sean Graham's betting office in the city on

Irish-American community said they were angry that he had been deported while

After exhausting his legal appeals last month, some 100 Congressmen petitioned the for political asylum. Stephen Somerstein. Doherty's law-yer, said that to deport him while there were still objections from the Congressmen amounted to "the height of

arrogance".

Britain had sought

Doherty's return from the United States since he was arrested while working as a barman at Clancy's Irish bar on Manhattan's East Side in 1983. The Reagan and Bush administrations took Britain's administration and the second admin ain's side, but the courts and Congress helped Doherty

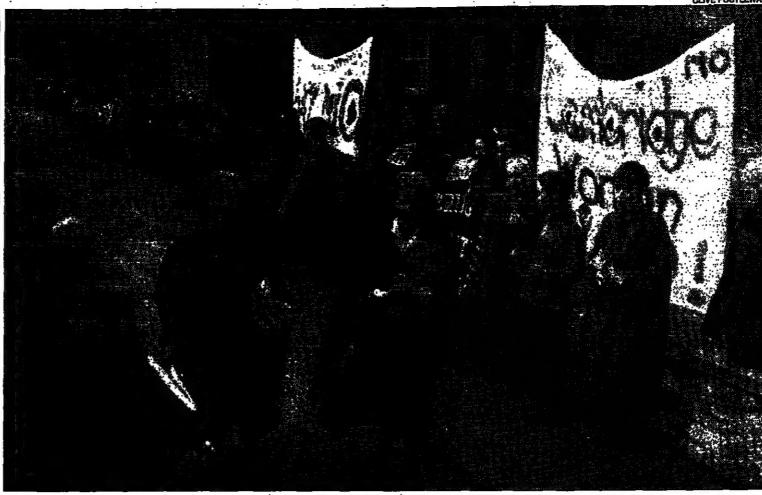
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He was convicted for the murder of Captain Herbert Westmacott, a member of an SAS squad that surprised a four-man IRA team which had taken over a house in north Belfast in 1981 to ambush security forces.

Captain Westmacott was

hit by machinegun fire and Doherty was apprehended. Soon after his arrest, however, he escaped from Crumlin Road jail in Belfast and fled to the United States with false papers. A Belfast court tried him in absentia and sentenced him to life imprisonment for murder.

After being re-arrested in New York, Doherty pursued tortuous legal appeals from his jail cell against extradition. He came to the end of the road last month when the US Supreme Court ruled that the US attorney general had acted lawfully in refusing him a hearing on his request for political asylum in the United States.



Running the gauntlet: Catherine Hughes, Somerville's principal, right, braves the wrath of those opposing the admission of men

Somerville fights to keep out men

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE students of Somerville College, Oxford, were last night digging in their heels in the best traditions of their most illustrious predecessor, Margaret Thatcher, still trying to prevent the admission

Refusing to give in grace-fully after the college gover-nors confirmed the end of 113 years of single-sex education, the junior common room threatened to sue. The students claim that the switch to a mixed intake amounts to a breach of contract.

College governors were greeted by a 150 strong band of banner-waving students as they arrived for a two-hour meeting behind closed doors. They heard an emotional appeal from three students to overturn last month's vote for co-education, but rejected the

plea. If the decision is confirmed by the university. St Hilda's will be the only women's college at Oxford by the

Suzy Parker, the JCR president said: "It is very disappointing but we expected this to happen. The fight isn't finished yet. We feel that Somverville should remain a single sex institution for at least another ten years."

The students had tried to

prevent the vote taking place by appealing to Lord Jenkins, he university chancellor, to intervene. They argued un-successfully that the college was in breach of its charter, and had not consulted sufficiently about the proposal. Deborah Sherry, a 27 yearold law student, said that the

JCR now planned to sue for

Tight-lipped Maxwells to be reported to Commons

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Maxwell brothers are to be reported to the House of Commons for failing to answer written questions on how hundreds of millions of pounds were siphoned off from the Mirror Group

Newspapers pension fund. MPs will then have to deride whether Ian and Kevin Maxwell should be held in contempt of parliament and called before the Commons privileges committee or be penalised in some other way.

Solicitors for both brothers wrote to the Commons social security committee this week refusing to answer the 70

The solicitors said that the brothers had a right to maintain their silence to avoid the risk of prejudicing their pos-

ition before possible court proceedings, the argument that they had given MPs when the brothers stone-walled the committee at a

public hearing last month.

Last month, both solicitors said that their clients would questions if the answers were not made public. This week, the lawyers said that they would not answer the MPs' questionnaire because the committee had made clear that it would publish the

Yesterday, Frank Field, the committee chairman said that it would go ahead with its main report on the ownership funds, which would be published in about two weeks'

Maxwells' behaviour. The report, which should reach the House before an election is called, will also give recommendations on what action parliament should

take over the brothers.

The committee will also publish written answers from the other Mirror Group trust-ees, who have co-operated with the committee and returned the questionnaire. Mr Field said that he was "disappointed" at the brothers' decision. Their behaviour was an "irritant" but should

not be allowed to hold up the committee's main report. The committee will meet in private on Monday to discuss the draft of its main report and its recommendations

Colleges threaten boycott

Universities and polytechnics are preparing a boycott of the government's scheme to transfer teacher training courses to schools in September (John O'Leary writes).

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, has proposed that at least a third of postgraduate courses for secondary school teachers should be reformed this year. Academics running the courses want to delay the process by a year. and phase in the change more gradually.

Teacher training departments were incensed to receive a request from their funding councils to bid for money to redesign courses when the proposals were still subject to consultation. The deadline for bids will expire before submissions are required on the government's scheme. Students have already been recruited for many of the postgraduate courses affected.

Hill re-admitted

Benny Hill the comedian has been re-admitted to hospital for tests, five hours after being released following treatment released following treatment for a suspected heart attack. Mr Hill, aged 67, of Teddington, southwest London, was under observation at the Royal Brompton hospital in London last night. Doctors said that there was no immediate cause for concern and they expected to discharge him soon.

Rape charge

A licensed taxi driver accused of rape was remanded in custody for a week by Horseferry road magistrates court, central London, yesterday. Frank Welton, aged 25. of Camden, north London, is charged with raping a woman aged 22 in his black cab early on Monday.

CORRECTION

A picture caption yesterday said that the Princess of Wales was attending a film première in aid of the National Aids Trust, of which she is patron. The performance was in fact for the AIDS Crisis Trust, a private charity.



Jurors see pictures of man fleeing car after being forced to drive with shotgun held to his head

Jury shown TV film of hostage ordeal

BY RICHARD DUCE

TELEVISION pictures of a 30-hour ordeal endured by a man who is allleged to have been kidnapped after being forced to drive his car around south Wales at gunpoint were shown to a jury yesterday.

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Roger Amos kidnapped his estranged wife's lover, Donald Stewart, and when he was finally surrounded by police outside a hotel he tried to shoot him in the back of the head, Newport crown court was told. Mr Stewart survived because he was holding a car telephone at the time of the shot, which hit him in his hand. Stephen Hopkins, QC, said.

Mr Amos, aged 41, of Newport, denies attempted murder, kidnapping Mr Stewart and unlawfully pos-sessing a shotgun with intent to endanger life in July last year. He has pleaded guilty to two charges of arson at property belonging to his relatives and shortening a shotgun to less than its permitted length.

A video compiled from police and television news film of the siege was shown to the jury. Mr Hopkins told them that Mr Stewart, aged 40, was seized at gunpoint outside his home in Newport and forced to drive his Ford Granada car to Cardiff. Mr Amos was armed with a sawn-off shotgun, ammuni-

tion, a crossbow and bolts.
The jury was told that Mr Stewart had been taken captive because of a domestic dispute involving Mr Amos. Mr Stewart, the lover of Mr Amos's estranged wife, was forced to drive for several

hours across south-east Wales after Mr Amos had alerted police to what he was doing. Police cars shadowed them. The car stopped out-

side the King's Hotel, Newport, and was surrounded by armed officers while negotiations took place using a phone line placed in the car. Although Mr Amos had

agreed to surrender peace-fully, Mr Hopkins said: "He had one final act to perpetrate. Having given every-body the impression that he intended to surrender peacefully, he discharged the gun. The prosecution says he made as if to hand the shotgun to Mr Stewart, but he deliberately discharged it at the man he had kidnapped."

Mr Hopkins said that it was by chance that Mr Stewart was holding a telephone to his ear, otherwise the shot would have hit the back of Mr Hopkins said Mr

Amos then propelled himself from the car, throwing himself to the ground and pretending to "play dead" so that police marksmen would not fire at him. At first. armed officers believed he had turned the gun on him-

self.

Before kidnapping Mr
Stewart, Mr Amos had left
prepared petrol bombs at a house and garage in New-port owned by relatives. At the garage, Mr Stewart was forced to light a trail of paint-thinners leading to the device, Mr Hopkins said.

The jury also heard that Mr Stewart tried to escape on foot, but Mr Amos drove after him and caught him.

A noose was tied around his head and threaded through the car headrest.

With Mr Amos sitting in the back seat, the shotgun was taped to Mr Stewart's head, Mr Hopkins said. The defendant could at all times maintain its aim at the back of Mr Stewart's head. Mr Stewart was very frightened and tried to reason with the defendant - but he was not capable of being reasoned with."

After his arrest, Mr Hopkins said, Mr Amos told police he had kept the shotgun in view "because I wanted to stop anyone being a hero and shooting me". Later, Mr Stewart told the

court how he was shot as the siege ended. He said that Mr Amos was sitting in the back seat and cried as he spoke to a relative over the car-phone, whom he told he would have to "go away for

a few years".

Mr Stewart said that the phone later rang and he answered it as his captor smoked a cigar before his planned surrender. He said: "I picked the phone up and explained the situation to the police negotiator that Mr Amos was getting out of the back of the car.
"He then told me, Take

the gun, I'm getting out of the car.' I reached over to take the gun. As far as I can recall, I took the gun in my right hand. The next I know, there was a loud explosion and my

left hand went away from me. I can recall saying the







Hostage ordeal: Donald Stewart runs away from his car, staring at his bleeding hand, top, as police move in and, right, arrest a man. Left, Mr Stewart and Linda Amos outside the court yesterday

Massacre shocked Nazi official

NAZI official was so shocked at the massacre of thousands of innocent civilians by Lithuanian police troops in a small Belorussian town that he called for the incident to be reported to Adolf Hitler and Hermann Goering.

The territorial commissioner for the town of Slutsk, the Court of Session in Edinburgh was told yesterday, said that it was "such a base and filthy act" that a protest should be made at the highest

The events at Slutsk, in October, 1941, were recounted during the £600,000 defamation action being brought by Anton Gecas, aged 76, of Edinburgh, against Scottish Television. Mr Gecas, who served as a junior lieutenant with the 12th Lithuanian auxiliary police battalion, claims that he was branded a war criminal in the programme Crimes of War, first broadcast in 1987.

In the programme. Motiejus Migonis, who spent 25 years in jail, said that Mr Gecas had taken part in the Slutsk slaughter. Mr Migonis, when questioned by Scottish counsel in Lithuania last week, refused to identify Mr Gecas as having ordered Jews to be shot or having

finished off wounded victims. Bob Tomlinson, a reporter for the television company who investigated Mr Gecas's war record, said that he and his team interviewed elderly witnesses in Lithuania and filmed them. None had appeared to be under any pressure from the Soviet authorities. All, including Mr Migonis, who gave evidence last week, gave detailed allegations against Mr Gecas six years ago for the programme. The hearing continues

Victim's mother sues car driver

accident.

A MOTHER whose son was is not contested. The hearing killed in a road accident is on the issue of what dampsychological suffering. More than six years after

the death of her 20-year-old son Simon, Judith Calascione continued to suffer pathological grief reaction, the court was told. Mrs Calascione, now 54, of Hooe, Battle, East Sussex, is claiming damages for nervous shock against the motorist.

Her counsel, Kieran May, said that Simon was riding his motor cycle on a blind bend on Crowhurst Road near Battle just before Christmas 1985 when the the car driver, Simon Dixon, of Crowhurst, East Sussex, came in the opposite direc-tion on the wrong side of the

road at about 50mph. Mr Dixon was prosecuted at Lewes crown court in 1987 for causing death by reckless driving, "but the jury considered, as they are entitled to do, that his offence fell below that high degree of recklessness". He was fined £250 for careless driving and was not

disqualified. That was one of the factors which had "ground in" on Mrs Calascione, counsel said. The effects of the accident on her had been severe. She had ' driven past the crash on her way to the shops and was at the hospital when her son died about two hours later from multiple injuries.

Mrs Calascione, a divorcee who has two other sons and a daughter, told the court that after Simon's death she returned to work thinking it would help her grief, but she was unable to cope. She now had a part-time teaching job in a prison.

"I am obsessed by the injustice of what happened," she said. "I think of what he lost." She still cried a lot and was very frightened of driving or even when walking on a busy street. She claimed that the car driver "slaughtered" her son. The question of liability

ages should be awarded against the driver's insurers for the after-effects of the

In a statement issued be fore the hearing, Mrs Calascione described how, a few weeks after Mr Dixon was fined £250, her youngest son's car was written off by an overtaking vehicle. "Fortunately nobody was injured. I subsequently heard that the police intended to take no action. I felt that I was being forced to watch my family being picked off.

That same day I was re-turning home when I saw the driver's car parked in just the same spot it had been that day he set off and killed my boy. Something snapped. The thought that I might lose another child in a so-called accident was too much. I took an axe and smashed up the car." She spent a night in a cell and was later fined £250 and given a three-month suspended sentence for criminal



Calascione: "Obsessed

Woman to regain use of sewn on hands

BY THOMSON PRENTICE

A WOMAN who lost both hands in a guillotine accident at a wallpaper factory should regain much of their movement and touch after having them sewn back on, surgeons said vesterday.

Two teams of plastic surgeons at the Withington Hospital in Manchester worked simultaneously on the severed hands of Sharon Jackson. aged 22, of Lancaster, during a nine-hour operation on Tuesday.

Advanced techniques of micro-surgery were used to reconnect bones, nerves and blood vessels including two major arteries and 21 tendons in each limb, with the help of skin grafts. Miss Jackson was operat-

ing a power-driven paper-cut-ting guillotine at Kinglisher Wallcoverings, Lancaster, where she had worked for about 18 months, when the accident happened. She was taken 70 miles by ambulance to the hospital. Her hands, wrapped in

sterile swabs and packed in ice, went with her. A team of plastic surgeons, on constant standby for such emergen-cies, awaited her arrival two hours after the accident.

Ann Brain, the consultant surgeon who led the two operations, said: "Her chances of recovery are good and she should have limited movement in her hands quite quickly, perhaps within a week. It will be a long reha-bilitation and it may be between two and five years before the final result is known. Miss Jackson will stay in

hospital for two or three weeks and may need further

surgery. Her strength of will will be a key to the eventual by the injustice" outcome, Mrs Brain said.

Waite explains commitment that drove him to Beirut

TERRY Waite yesterday answered critics of his decision to return to Beirut during the hostage crisis. Addressing the General Synod of the Church England, Mr Waite described his commitment to his mission and how he kept going during his 1,763 days of captivity.

Mr Waite, who sat in the house of laity of the church's national assembly 25 years ago, said: "It is an emotional day for me today. I never thought I should ever say that coming to a synod would be a

homecoming, but it is."

The Archbishop of Canterbury's former envoy, who is still undecided about his future, said: "People since my release ask me many que tions. One question that is frequently asked is, 'Why did you go back? Why did you expose yourself to the dangers that you obviously knew were

"The answer is complex, but I remember that the guiding principle that directed me back to Beirut in those days was this: that when the church makes a commitment to people in trouble, the church does not walk away when the going is difficult. We stick with that commitment and we stick with people who are in desperate need.

"And when all political sup-port vanished, for reasons that are well known, the ground left to me to light terrorism was the moral and spiritual ground. And one stood on that ground, confident in the fact that light is stronger than darkness and that truth eventually will out. It was the only ground left to me and I went back there, not as one individual but as a representative of our church, on your behalf."

Mr Waite, who received a standing ovation from the meeting, at Church House, Westminster, described how during lengthy rehabilitation | he had been helped to hear of candles being lit and of vigils around the world when he

Terry Waite made an emotional return to the general synod

was given a small radio after four years as a hostage. "In the days of solitary confinement, in the days when one was confined to a dark room, chained to the wall, with no one to speak to for years, one thought kept me alive: that the light is stronger than the darkness. And even at times when suffering and pain

grips one's soul, it is still

yesterday, writes

Ruth Gledhill

George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, paid tribbute to Mr Waite "for surviving his terrible ordeal with such dignity and brav-ery". He said he hoped that the church's constant prayer

vigils did something to sus-

tain him. "That vigil of prayer

must continue. ☐ The synod called on the government "to develop a long term national housing strategy" to alleviate mess by providing affordable housing. After a 90-minute debate, it also called on the church commissioners and dioceses to help to increase the housing stock.

Clarke 'in close touch' on school dispute

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, yesterday de-fended his record in the growing dispute at Stratford school, east London, after teachers' unions claimed that he had failed to pull his weight (Matthew D'Ancona

The dispute arose when governors accused Anne Snelling, the head teacher, of incompetence and racism.

Mr Clarke said: "I have used my powers to intervene on several occasions. This led to the reinstatement of the head. I have also also appointed two additional gover-nors. The school is in fact operating satisfactorily against a background of a personal dispute between the head and some of the governors. We are keeping in close touch with the situation."

The High Court will today consider a request from the National Association of Head Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers for an injunction to stop intervention by gover-nors in school management.

Export of £7.5m Titian blocked

A two-month export bun has been imposed by the trade department on Venus and Adonis by Titian, the paint-ing which sold for £7.48 million at Christie's in December, despite an estimate

of only £1.5 million. The price reflected the con-viction of the purchasers, a partnership of dealers, that the painting was the first, not the last, of five versions. A British buyer would have to raise £7.59 million, the price entered on the export application by Hazlitt Gooden & Fox of London and Herman Shickman of New York.

Advert ruling

The Advertising Standards Authority has advised pub-lishers to refuse all but one of a new series of advertisements for Benetton, the fashion company, including one of an Aids victim's dying moments. The authority was most con-cerned about an image of a car burning in a street. The image was highly insensitive and inappropriate, violent, anti-social and threatening, it

Opera post

Richard Armstrong, the English conductor, has been appointed music director of Scottish Opera. He will succeed the American John Mauceri in July 1993, when Mr Mauceri will have completed five years in the post. Mr Armstrong was music director of Welsh National Opera for 13 years, during which time the Scottish and Welsh companies combined on a cycle of Janacek operas.

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prevented its author from being one of the five winners at the award ceremony in London yesterday. They decided that it was not credible. The ending might, however, have been wishful thinking by the playwright.

BY SIMON TAIT

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

TOM NEWELL'S play intrigued

judges of the New London Play-

wrights' Festival awards. It had an

ingenious plot, involving mystery,

murder, misunderstanding and the

unaccountable decision of the police

It was this last turn of plot that

to let the murderer off.

Inside insight leaves playwright a runner-up Tom Newell is serving a life term at range a radio play needs, and this Swaleside prison, on the Isle of Sheppey, Kent, for murder.

Newell was let out of jail yesterday under escort to receive his certificate as one of the 15 short-listed writers for the awards, held by the London Arts Board and LBC Radio at the Institute of Contemporary Arts.

Newell was discovered by Tim Crook, director of the festival, in a writing workshop he organised at Wormwood Scrubs prison last year. "I was amazed to find the range of writing skill blossoming in that dreary place." Mr Crook said. "Tom has a great feel for the depth and

one, Old Bones, is full of delightful twists and turns which grip the listener. I think he has a very promising rehabilitated future as a writer

Newell, who is in his early 30s. has

when he has finished his sentence."

already been taken on by Judy Daish Associates, the literary agents who handle Harold Pinter. Samantha Ford, of Judy Daish, said: "He started writing in prison and he has written short plays. monologues and a one act play. He is at the start of his career, but we believe it could be a very promising one."

The festival, now in its second

year, was created to bring on new radio writers. The five winners are to have their plays professionally produced and broadcast on LBC, and all winners and runners-up, including a psychiatrist, a West End theatre box office clerk and a House of Commons computer programmer, attended yesterday's reception.

Although Newell did not win, his play may yet be broadcast. Mr Crook, an LBC producer, has asked for Arts Council funding of about £1,500 to permit production of Old Bones. "We'll want a minor change, though," he said. "We still don't think the ending is credible."

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Leukaemia clusters linked to low radiation

By Nigel Hawkes science editor

THE mystery of the leukaemia "clusters" around nuclear sites such as Sellafield may have been solved by Medical Research Council scientists.

The findings could help to explain why levels of radiation believed to be too low to do damage nevertheless are linked to the disease.

The research focuses on alpha rays, which are superficially much less harmful than more penetrating radiation. The scientists have found that alpha particles can cause hidden damage to cells that only becomes apparent some time later. The cell survives, and continues to divide

Budget to penalise smokers

By Thomson Prentice Medical correspondent

BIG increases in cigarette prices are likely in next month's Budget as part of the government's anti-smoking policies, William Waldegrave, the health secretary, hinted yesterday. Launching a campaign to deter pregnant women from smoking, he said: "It is no secret that my department thinks the price of cigarettes is one of the most important weapons against a processing the said of the said."

smoking."
He said that, if smoking could be discouraged without further restrictions on tobacco advertising, so much the better, but that such restrictions would be reconsidered in five or six years.

His comments were prumptly attacked at the campaign launch in London by Pamela Taylor, head of public affairs at the British Medical Association. "We are not prepared to wait five or six years, during which time we are going to see more children taking up smoking and becoming addicted," she

Said.

The farewell scene from the film Casablanca is being used to advertise the ninth No Smoking Day, on March 11. Humphrey Bogart, the film's star, died in his 50s from lung cancer, and the executors of his estate have given permission for the scene to be used.

apparently normally. Later, however, abnormal chromosomes appear in the successive generations, showing that the genetic material of the cell has been damaged.

The implication is that the lowest imaginable dose — a single alpha particle — is enough to induce damaging changes in some cells that can alter the cells' behaviour and perhaps lead to cancers. The scientists found that x-rays did not have the same effect.

Though reluctant to jump to conclusions, they believe that their findings may help to explain the incidence of leukaemia both among radiation workers and children living close to nuclear plants such as Sellafield.

The results could also prompt a change in the approach to radiation protection, which is based on the effects of high-energy penetrating radiation, such as beta-rays, x-rays and gamma rays. Alpha rays appear less harmful, being unable even to pass through a sheet of paper. Their danger arises when particles of alpha-emitting isotopes such as plutonium are swallowed or get into the lungs. Then the alpha particles can reach living cells, unloading all their energy in a single hit and doing considerable damage.

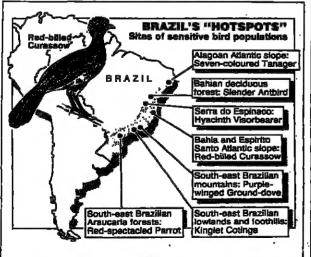
Eric Wright and colleagues

from the research council's Radiobiology Unit in Didcot, Oxfordshire, report in this week's Nature that they have studied the effect of single alpha particles on stem cells from the bone marrow of mice. In mammals, these stem cells have the job of producing all the blood cells, so any damage to them could well lead to blood diseases such as leukaemia.

When the stem cells are exposed to alpha particles, most are killed outright, but a small percentage survive apparently uninjured. Several generations later, when the cells have divided repeatedly, grass abnormalities can be detected in their chromosomes. The experiments show, says the research council, that there are types of damage unique to alpha-par-

ticle radiation.

Dr Wright said yesterday:
"The mouse stem cells are a
good model for leukaemia,
and now we are trying the
same experiments with human bone marrow cells."



Study offers hope for birds at risk

BY NICK NUITAL

A FIFTH of the world's bird species could be saved by conserving just 2 per cent of its land, according to a study by Cambridge-based

A team at the International Council for Bird Preservation has carried out what is said to be the most detailed computerised study ever on sites of sensitive bird populations, drawing on over 55,000 records.

The study has found 221 areas that have high concentrations of birds and which also have about two thirds of the world's 1.029 endangered species. By combining those sites with maps of the world's protected areas, researchers have found discrepancies in global conservation efforts, with many threatened species living outside national and regional parks

and regional parks.

The council hopes that the findings, which are being presented to the World Parks Congress, in Venezuela, which ends this week, will form a blueprint for conservation strategies.

Christoph Imboden, the

council's director-general,

said: "Discovery of these hotspots means that the future of large numbers of species could be secured by a relatively small number of initiatives. Loss or degradation of these areas would result in unprecedented numbers of extinctions."

Most of the 221 sites identified, amounting to 260,000 square kilometres, are in forest regions of the tropics, with about a quarter in South America. Forty-two are in Australasia, 40 in Africa or on African islands, and 30 on Pacific islands, including the Philippines. One site is in Europe, on Cyprus.

According to Mike Crosby, a researcher, eastern Brazil is one of the most important areas, with high concentrations of bird species in seven "hotspots", including the endangered slender antibird and the red-billed curassow. Each site has populations of threatened species found

nowhere else in the world.

Conservation could be aided by extending parks and by sustainable development, Mr Crosby said.



Norman Jones plays the Bonjour Stradivarius, which could fetch £800,000

Christie's to sell two Strads in London

By Sarah Jane Checkland Saleroom Correspondent

TWO instruments by Stradivari are to be sold at Christie's in London on March 18. The Bonjour violoncello is being offered by the cellist Robert Cohen at an estimate of up to £800,000, while the Schreiber violin, once played by Pinchas Zukerman, is being sold by the David Lloyd Kreeger Foundation of Washington DC and could fetch £350,000.

The cello dates from about 1690, and was named after Abel Bonjour of Paris, its earliest known owner. Mr Cohen, who paid about £300,000 for it seven years ago, describes it as "one of the greatest cellos in the world".

The violin, which is missing its original scroll and much of its original varnish, is considered by the trade as a fine working instrument. One of its earlier players was Henri Wieniawski, the Polish virtuoso.

Police hot-line to foil corruption

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE are being asked to consider establishing confidential telephone hot-lines to allow junior officers to pass on information about corruption or malpractice among colleagues. The lines would allow junior officers to talk freely to officers of at least deputy chief constables are being.

Chief constables are being asked for their views on the hot-lines in a personal letter issued yesterday by Sir John Woodcock, chief inspector of constabulary, calling for reforms in the control of specialised squads or CID work. The aim is to prevent a repetition of the West Midlands serious crime squad case, highlighted by a critical Police Complaints Authority report last autumn.

The letter, also sent to Sir

The letter, also sent to Sir Peter Imbert, commissioner of the Metropolitan police, includes a package of changes wanted by Sir John and his team of inspectors. Sir John says that the inspectors expect to be told of any allegations emerging in a force. The inspectors could then consult agencies such as the Crown Prosecution Service, the Police Complaints Authority, defence lawers

POLICE are being asked to consider establishing confi-

The letter may provoke anger among senior officers who feel that the inspectorate is interfering too much. Sir John says in his letter that action has to be taken immediately "because there is much public concern as to the credibility of police evidence and conduct".

The letter says recruitment to special squads, including regional crime squads and C1D teams set up to concentrate on a particular types of crime, should not lie with the squad's senior officers with a force's personnel department. As a general rule, officers should serve on the squads for three to five years. The West Midlands squad, disbanded in 1989, included men who had served 15 years.

Squads should be put under the overall control of an assistant chief constable, who should monitor their work and be aware of patterns of complaint. "The extensive use of informants may not always serve the purposes for which the squad was originally set up," Sir John says.

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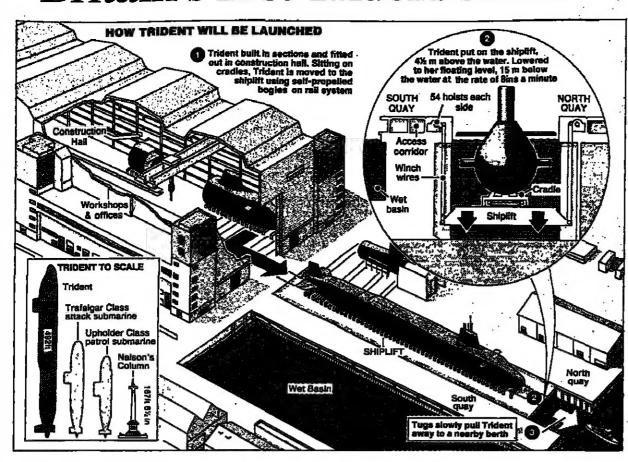
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Britain's first Trident submarine prepares to brave the world



BRITAIN'S first Trident ballistic missile submarine is to be launched on March 4. with the help of the world's most powerful lift, capable of bearing a maximum weight of 24,300 tonnes. The launching of HMS Vanguard at the VSEL shipyard at Barrowin-Furness, Cumbria, will be the boat's first public appearance since construction began in 1986.

The 492ft, 15,000-tonne submarine has been built in sections inside a big shed that towers over the yard. Only the workforce and visitors with adequate security clearance have been allowed to watch the construction of what will be the Royal Navy's largest, most prestigious, and most powerful submarine. Next month's ceremony

will be no splash-down spectacle. It will be a sedate occasion and most of those attending will not even see the submarine get its bot-tom wet, because the boat will not hit the water until the day after the official launching ceremony. HMS Vanguard will take HMS Vanguard will stay high and dry at its official launch ceremony next month, Michael Evans writes

one and a half hours to be. The infrastructure needed lowered, at the rate of 20cm (8ins) a minute, to the correct floating level depth of 15 metres below the surface. The submarine, with just its conning-tower and top section of the hull visible, will then be towed out by tugs to

a nearby berth. The 110 billion Trident boats are to replace the Polaris fleet by the end of the decade HMS Vanguard will be in service by December 1994. Two others, HMS Victorious and HMS Vigitant, are being built in the same construction hall. which is 269 metres long, 67 metres wide and more than 50 metres high. A fourth boat is expected to be

ordered shortly.

As the political parties have argued over whether the navy should have three boats or four and whether the missiles should carry three warheads or eight, preparations for the first inching have continued.

for building the submarines has involved British companies in what has been described as the most advanced naval shipbuilding facility in the world.

The £250 million Devon-

shire Dock Hall, the name given to the Trident complex, was among the biggest civil engineering projects undertaken in this country. John Elliott, former senior partner of RT James & Partners, the consulting engineers awarded the design and management contract, said that there had been many breakthroughs in de-

signing the facility. The most remarkable development was the decision to reject the system of shipbuilding, which had not changed radically in 100 years, in which a vessel is built out of doors on a slipway. Submarines built in that way have to be laun-ched half-finished down the slipway, sealed like a can to

avoid sinking, only to be cut open later for the installa-

tion of heavy machinery. HMS Vanguard will emerge from the shed on March 4 a finished product although without her missiles and torpedoes.

Mr Elliott, who retired as senior partner but has stayed on as a consultant, said that Vanguard had been built on a large, open floorspace with the hull sections supported on wheels. Machinery and equipment were installed in each section, before they were welded together to form the complete hull.

☐ Equipment orders worth £500 million were announced yesterday by the government for the Royal Navy and RAF.

The package includes a E50 million order for six Sea King search and rescue helicopters to replace the RAF's ageing Wessex fleet, 13 Harrier trainer aircraft, and 200 Alarm anti-radar missiles. The Harriers and Alarm missiles will be supplied by British Aerospace. The Sea Kings will come from Westland.

Sunday Times appeal succeeds

Court ruling bans council libel suits

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

comed the ruling yesterday as

LIBEL actions cannot be brought by local authorities or government departments, the Court of Appeal decided in a landmark legal ruling yesterday. The three judges held unanimously that Derbyshire county council was not entitled to sue The Sunday Times.
The council had lodged

proceedings against the newspaper over articles published in September 1989 about alleged deals involving David Bookbinder, the council leader, and Owen Oyston, a businessman. The decision breaks new ground in that the judges reached their decision by reference to article ten of the European Convention on Human Rights, which, guarantees freedom of expression. The ruling may be challenged by the council in The Sunday Times wel-

an important and enlightened victory for the press. Antony Whitaker, legal manager for Times Newspapers, said: "We are delighted by the judgment. It is is a vindication of The Sunday Times's position and means that we are not at risk from councils or government departments who might want to silence a newspaper if they felt they wanted to protect themselves

against media comment."
The claim was launched over allegations about investment deals involving the council's superannuation funds. Libel actions were also launched by Mr Bookbinder, who announced recently that he is to stand down as leader of the council, and by Mr Oyston, whose action against The Sunday Times was settled last October. Mr Whitaker added that

Sado-masochist convictions stand

By PETER VICTOR

FIVE homosexual sado-masochists convicted of assault and indecency after acts of genital torture on each other failed to convince the Court of Appeal yesterday that they should not have been prosecuted.

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, ruled that though the men had consented to the violence this was no defence.

The five men were convicted with ten others at the Old Bailey in December 1990. The acts of violence had spanned ten years and were recorded on video tape, copied and distributed.

Lord Lane said yesterday that Judge Rant had been right in ruling that satisfying sado-masochistic urges was not a good reason for inflicting serious injury. However, Lord Lane accepted that they had not appreciated that their conduct was criminal and he directed that some of the sentences be cut.

Lord Lane, who was sitting with Mr Justice Rose and Mr Justice Potts, said that the principal mitigation was that the victims not only consented but seemingly derived pleasure from the infliction of pain. It had been contended that assault was not established unless the prosecution could prove a hostile act by the accused. However, at the very least, the intention in this case was the infliction of pain involving a sufficient degree of hostility to constitute assault, he said.

Lord Lane reduced the sentences of four of the five who had received immediate jail terms. He also allowed a sentence appeal by a sixth man who did not challenge his conviction.

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councils still had the protection of being able to sue for malicious falsehood. However, there were significant differences between such an action and one for libel: first, a shift in the burden of proof,

so that the plaintiff must prove that the words are false. In libel, the defendant must prove that the defamatory words are true. Second, the plaintiff has to prove malice (this is not the case in libel), and third, damage is not pre-sumed in malicious falsehood as it is in libel. He added that the judgment in no way reduced the right of a council member to sue as an individual if he or she could show that comments about the council reflected on him or-

her personally.
In the High Court last year,
Mr Justice Morland ruled that the council was entitled to sue for libel in its own right to protect its "governing" reputation. Yesterday, Lords Jus-tices Balcombe. Ralph Gibson and Butler-Sloss allowed an appeal by Times Newspapers. Andrew Neil, editor of The Sunday Times, and the reporters Rosemary Collins and Peter Hounam.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson said: "To allow a local government authority to sue for libel would, in my judgment, im-pose a substantial restriction upon freedom of expression." If councils were allowed to sue in the way sought by Derbyshire public discussion of matters of public impor-tance might well be restricted.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss said that the court had to balance the competing rights of the press to provide information and to comment, criticise, offend, shock or disturb against the right of a governmental corporation to be pro-tected against false, seriously inaccurate or unjust accounts of its activities. She considered that there were laws oth-er than libel which were adequate to protect a council

> David Pannick, page 12 Law Report, page 26

Britain throws doubt on EC energy tax

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY

THE European Community should not take unilateral action to counter global warming with its proposed carbon and energy tax, the government says in a memorandum to a House of Lords committee that discloses significant misgivings about the

ments to the House of Lords European Communities Committee, which is discussing the proposal today, shows that the government has considerable reservations about the practicality of the idea. The government maintains

that although the tax, which might add between 2 and 4 per cent to consumer prices, would be likely to produce some switching from coal to gas, there is still too much uncertainty about how much carbon dioxide the Community will be producing by the turn of the century to know whether it would achieve its aim. The proposal to exempt energy-intensive industries, such as steel and chemicals, from the scope of the tax, is

thought to be illogical.

Ministers also fear that the tax could lead to lower fossil for prices and higher tonsumption in countries outside the Community.

Andrew Warren, of the Association for the Conservation of Energy, commented ency record is worsening year by year. Energy demand has gone up even though GDP has gone down, and we urgently need strong national energy saving programmes if we are to reject those that Brussels offers."

• The United Nations is to recommend speeding up the elimination of ozone-depleting chemicals under the Montreal Protocol. The protocol target date of 2000 has already been overtaken by unilateral commitments from America, Britain and other countries. A UN Environment Programme official said in Singapore yesterday probably be brought forward

taken to the operating the-atre at 20-minute intervals.

At 6pm, there was the sound

of girls shouting together, a title fight involving Barry McGuigan was on television.

and the Irish could not con-tain their excitement.

In the ward, Mary did not

feel as if anything momen-tous had happened. She felt guilty, she said, because she didn't feel guilty. The Ballymun girl was sobbing gently. Her abortion had

come later in pregnancy. She felt more discomfort, but, she

had told Mary, she was also desolate over what might

have been. She had dreamt of

her and the boy friend and two kids starting a new life.

Next day, the mother of the 15-year-old asked wheth-er I thought all would be well. I told her that it would. She

paused, and said: "Do you

remember that amendment

last year about abortion?". I

race killed boy, 6 A misadventure verdict was

Doughnut

recorded yesterday on a boy aged six who died after choking during a doughnut-eat-ing "race" in a school dining room. Graham Merrett, of Wick, near Llittehampton, West Sussex, had asked a classmate at Wickbourne in-fants' school if he wanted to see who could eat a doughnut in the shortest time.

The friend declined but Graham was seen to eat his doughnut quickly and col-lapse. His heart stopped for a time and he suffered severe brain damage. At the hospital where he died two days later a lump of dough the size of a table tennis ball was removed from his throat.

At the inquest in Worthing, Mark Calvert-Lee, the West Sussex coroner, said: "I am satisfied that once Graham had been noticed by adults to be in difficulties, appropriate treatment was given." Marian Merrett, the boy's mother, said afterwards that more should be done to supervise children at school meals.

Patients sent on coach trip

organising coach trips to a Grimsby hospital for 48 people to have nose operations at a cost to the authority of £750 a patient. They have been waiting more than two years and Bradford hospitals cannot undertake the operations by the end of next month, as had been pledged.

Home goal

Stafford Rangers football club, bottom of the GM Vauxhall Conference league. has asked the Home Office if Brian Palgrave, a player serving a nine-month jail sen-tence for theft, can be released on match days to help it to avoid relegation.

Mixed results

Scotland's road safety year brought a drop in traffic accident deaths by eight to 545 in 1990 but 197 pedestrians were killed. 20 more than in the previous year.

Pensioner dies Frederick Smith, aged 83, who collapsed at Denmead, Hampshire, died while wait-

ing for an second ambulance after the first one sent for him

Victims named

Two men who died when their car plunged 500ft over Beachy Head, East Sussex. were named as Anthony Valentine, aged 19, of Isleworth, and David Wilder, aged 21, of Northholt, both west

£2m drug haul

Customs officers found 600kg of cannabis, with a street value of nearly £2 million, on a Dutch lorry at Dartford, Kent.

Rabies move

Isle of Wight county council is to consider a suggestion from its deputy leader. Peter Brand, that all wild animals Dublin meeting, page 1 be vaccinated against rabies.



includes Melvyn Bragg's first full-length play, King Lear in New York, and a Renaissance Theatre Company production of Coriolanus, with Kenneth Branagh and Dame Judi Dench.

Army of dissidents crosses the Irish sea in defiance of constitution

AS THE minibus trundled from the British Pregnancy Advice Service office near Tottenham Court Road, in central London, towards the clinic in Richmond, Mary and I agreed that it did not feel as if we were doing anything controversial, let alone unconstitutional.

The decision to have an abortion had been easier for Mary than for most people on the minibus. We were from middle-class, liberal south Co Dublin. We did not have the hang-ups of our parents generation.

The decision had been easier, but not easy. Abortion is an extremely emotive issue in the Irish republic. We had joined the campaign in 1983 against adding an anti-abortion clause to the constitution (abortion was already illegal), a matter that had divided the country. We distributed leaflets and castigated the clergy. We were from the liberal wing of the capital city.

Women who had abortions were described as murderers. Those who admitted having had them received hate mail. Priests preached weekly about the evils of abortion. The amendment was passed

by a two-to-one majority.
It was still a painful decision. Catholic up-bringing dies hard. Sex education had been dominated by slide shows of aborted foetuses. Fear and guilt were the order of the day. The ultimate fear had put off deciding on an

Writing as Dermot McMahon, an Irishman recalls his girl friend's trip to London for an abortion that broke the law

guilt. was abortion. We, however, were not from a rural town where everyone knows everyone else's business. where the Catholic church is all powerful, and where information on abortion is almost impossible to come by. On that crisp, sunny Satur-

day morning, I was conscious of being part of a hidden army of dissidents. At home. the constitution, the politicians, the clergy, and the majority of the people said that they would try to stop us from doing this. Yet here we were, going to Richmond to break the constitution. The minibus driver told us that he did the trip every Saturday. Official figures show that, each year, 4,000 Irish people come for abortions in

England. That's 11 a day. For most on the bus, the decision had been more difficult. The girl from Ballymun Flats. dilapidated tower blocks on Dublin's northside, sat quietly, holding her boy friend's hand. She was unmarried and already had a child by another man. Now, she wanted to settle down with this boy friend, whose

child she was carrying.

He, however, wanted to go to Australia. There was no

and the ultimate cause of abortion for weeks, but there was no changing his mind. He had been decent about it, she told Mary, paying for the trip and the operation, and

coming along to support her. The middle-aged woman from Athlone looked to be in shock. Seven days earlier, she had found out that her 15-year-old daughter was pregnant. She had not imagined that the girl would have boy friends at that age, let alone have sex. The mother had moved quickly. "Her father doesn't know." she said. "He'd go mad. He thinks we're just visiting my sister." The fifth girl, aged about 21 sat quieth at the back of

21, sat quietly at the back of the bus. We never learnt her circumstances. As the bus passed a convent, the driver sniggered: "You'd all be in less of mess if you'd been in there." He ughed. No one else did, At

the clinic, the women signed forms. Few questions were asked except, were they sure they believed they were doing the right thing? At home, we had been warned that it was essential to be dogmatic about saying yes. Otherwise they might tell you to come back another day. Paying another fare from Dublin, might be impossible.

replied that I did. "Well, God forgive me," she said, "but I voted for that."

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Ashdown **WOOS** women's vote

By PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

UNDER the Liberal Democrats, state pensions will no longer be based on contributions. Paddy Ashdown promised yesterday, as he outlined a package of measures to help women to realise their full

Mr Ashdown pledged to revolutionise caring for children and women's employment prospects by introducing childcare vouchers usable at private, state or voluntary nurseries or workplace creches. Only under the Liberal Democrat fair-voting ystem would there be a parliament that truly represe men and women, he said.

Liberal Democrat candidates at the Commons, Mr Ash-down said that the "long as-cendancy of male values in our society and economy is

Mr Ashdown was staking his party's claim for the women's vote. His contention that the Liberal Democrats had the highest proportion of women candidates was countered by Labour. As his party claimed 133 women candi-dates, with two others about to be selected. Labour claimed 134, with up to four

others close to selection. The pledge to abolish the contributory principle for state pensions is part of a plan costed at £3 billion to increase the single person's pension by £5 a week and a married couple's by £8.

Labour has made the same promise, although it is not ending the contributory prin-ciple. Its plan is costed at £2.7 billion. The Liberal Democrats say the cost is relatively small as people who at present do not receive a full pension because their contributions were not high enough receive income support instead after being means-tested. In most cases this would no longer be required and the



Commons ambition: Paddy Ashdown surrounded by some of the Liberal Democrats' 133 women prospective parliamentary candidates, at Westminster yesterday

Labour launches counter-attack on spending plans

Middle classes to get tax reprieve

By Nicholas Wood and Philip Webster

THE Labour leadership is planning to soften the impact of its tax proposals on middle class voters in the key election battlegrounds of London and the South of England.

John Smith, the shadow chancellor, yesterday confirmed a report in The Times that he would spell out within days of the March 10 Budget how he would raise the £3.5 billion to pay for spending pledges on pensions and

It is understood that Mr Smith is preparing to ease the burden on people earning £21,000-£30,000, whose votes are likely to be central to the outcome of the election.

Under Labour's present plans, this group, which in-cludes many teachers, doctors ginal tax rates of 34 per cent

or 49 per cent, when the 9 per cent national insurance His review is considering the option of lowering the combined income tax and NI marginal rates to nearer 30

Sources close to Mr Smith said yesterday: "We will set out where our top rate of tax will be. We will clarify how we intend to remove the upper earnings limit of £21.000 on NI contributions. Mr Smith's disclosure at a

London press conference that he would be giving "further details" next month represented a big shift from his past stance that voters would have to wait for his first Budget to discover his intentions. With Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, widely expected

to make tax cuts the centre-

piece of his Budget, Mr proach. However, they are Smith's review is part of an also sensitive to the inevitable Smith's review is part of an early Labour counter-offensive. Neil Kinnock will try to spike Tory guns by pledging to restore the tax cuts and use the minimum £2 billion on offer for immediate improvements in public services. The intention is to draw a stark contrast between the two parties over the central election issue of fax and spending.

However, Mr Kinnock and his senior colleagues are determined to deflect the Conservative charge that they would impose an unacceptable burden on people on relatively modest incomes.

Senior shadow cabinet sources suggested yesterday that with the recession proving more intractable than osed, Labour could justify a less deflationary apTory riposte that any scaling down of their current plans would amount to a retreat. One source said that with the government widening the scope for tax cuts in the Budget by being prepared to take risks with the public sector borrowing requirement, Labour would also be presented with an opportunity in the

Budget next month.

Mr Kinnock set the ball rolling for the tax rethink last month when he let it be known that the NI changes might be phased rather than introduced in one go by lift-ing the £21,000 ceiling. Roy Hattersley and other senior shadow cabinet members have been pressing for greater ciarity and Mr Smith has responded to their concerns.

Labour's pensions and benefits package would cost about £3.5 billion. If the Tories knock Ip off the basic rate of tax (costing about £2 billion) it could pay for two of its firm pledges by accepting the Chancellor's PSBR target, restoring basic rate tax cuts and doing little more than tinkering with the higher rates of tax and national

insurance. The crux of the case against Mr Smith's tax and spending package, which was drawn up at the height of the Tory boom, is that it could have a deflationary effect, making the recession even worse Ministers have gleefully seized on this point to lambast the Opposition. More significantly, the force of the argument is gaining ground in senior Labour circles.

AROUND THE LOBBY

Britain pledges more aid

to the UN Population Fund this year, an increase of £1.5 million, Lynda Chalker, the overseas aid minister, said in a written reply. She said the money was a 20 per cent increase on last year Most of the money will be spent on family planning projects organised by the fund.

Empty homes

Eight out of the ten local authorities with the most empty council houses are Labour-controlled, Sir George Young, the hous-ing minister, said at Commons question time. The ten between them have 23,000 empty properties. Manchester is top of the list with 6.000; Liverpool has 5,700.

Court costs

The cost of legal aid in 1990-1 was £852 million gross, spent on 2,384 cases, Sir Patrick Mayhev the Attorney-general, said in a written reply. The figures compared with E715 million on 2,298 cases in the previous year.

No amnesty

People who have not paid the community charge wil be pursued until they do pay, Michael Portillo, the local government minis-ter, said during questions. There will be no amnesty," he said.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office, prime minister. Transport and Works Bill and Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill, remaining stages. Lords (3): Local Government Finance Bill, report.

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Gould feels the sting in Scottish nationalism

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A BIG improvement in air

quality was promised yester-

day by David Trippier, the environment minister, amid

concern about rising levels of

. Mr Trippier said air quality

should get better in the next

two years as a series of mea-

sures take effect to reduce

emissions from vehicles. He

cited catalytic converters, new

standards for heavy diesels

new exhaust emission tests.

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sures and legislation which

has raised standards of pollu-

He was responding at ques-

tion time in the Commons to

Jeremy Corbyn (Islington

North, Lab), who highlighted

anxiety at the spread of asth-

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Bryan Gould, star of Labour's 1987 election have to wriggle. If he does, he is normally too profesthere was no mistaking Mr Gould's discomfort when interviewed by Jonathan Dimbleby on Sunday for the BBC's On the Record. What got him going was what has become known as

the Robin Cook question. Mr Cook has suggested that, when a Labour gov-ernment has given Scot-land a devolved tax-raising assembly, he would not feel able as a Scottish member to serve in an English ministry. In essence he has recognised that a choice has to be made. Labour's leadership has yet to acknowledge any choice.
Mr Gould's interviewer

pointed out that once you have a Scottish assembly English MPs will be debarred from voting on a range of issues for Scot-land, while Scottish MPs (48 of the 72 are currently Labour MPs) will be enti-tled to vote for legislation

affecting England. Mr Gould first tried to pretend that such an imbalance, with Westminster controlling only overall ec-onomic policy, defence and foreign affairs for Scotland, was no different from the present imbalance. with a good deal of Scottish government undertaken by a Scottish Office.

Then he said that as a "partial solution" it would be counterbalanced by the provision of devolved government for the English re-gions, implying that if the English regions ever developed the same self-identification as Scotland, they could be accorded the same powers as the Scots. But there is a mis-match. Labour's policy documents, offering a Scottish assembly within a year. talk only of regional bodies within a parliament.

What Mr Gould did not have was an answer to the question: what happens if a Labour government with a small majority, having provided devolution for Scotland which prevented English MPs voting on. say. Scottish health or education, pushed through the Westminster Parliament controversial new laws for English health or education, using the voting pow-er of Scottish Labour MPs

te do so?. --You could Mr Gould By ROBIN OAKLEY

admitted, debar Scots MPs from voting on such matters. But he offered no hint that Labour would consider doing so. What we used to know as the "West Lothian question" is back to haunt the Labour party. Labour has had to prom-

ise its regional bodies because of northern MPs' fears that a Scottish parliament would lure inward investment across the border. But it is making little of them because it is jumpy about Tory charges that such bodies would be ex-pensive white elephants wrapped in red tape.

There was a television There was a television set in Huntingdon tuned to Mr Gould's discomfort, and John Major is planning to exploit Labour's embarrassment on his trip to Scotland this weekend. But there is justification, too, for Labour's charges that the Tories are prepared to gamble with the union by polarising the debate between indepen-

dence and the status quo. Senior ministers agree that there is no dividend for them in fighting the election as the "fourth most enthusiastic devolution party", and that they might as well maximise the unionist vote. But they admit they will have to

start thinking again about tives are returned to power nationally but left with a tiny rump of Scottish MPs.

what it the name surge, with between a third and a half of those polled recently supporting inde-pendence, becomes a flood? No British government would seek to hold the Scots to the union against their will.

Sir Philip Goodhart, the Tory MP for Beckenham. written to the prime minister advocating a brace of referendums. saying that what the Scots need is a way in which they themselves could start the constitutional process leading to independence and a way of ensuring that a clear majority still wanted it after the full financial implications had been

worked out. The first referendum would ask if they wanted to dissolve the union. If 50 per cent plus one opted for independence, two years' work would be required, he suggests, on preparing a financial package. Once that package was agreed, a second referendum would decide the question.

The two-referendum package has already been approved by the US Congress for resolving the Puerto Rican independence issue. Sir Philip ip says. Its advantage here would be that the UK could not be dissolved casually as the result of a temporary surge of emotion.



Thorny issues: Gould dices with devolution

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Embarrassed Solidarity denies CIA dollars helped it win



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Gwiazda: Solidarity

how Solidarity funded its long resistance to the martial law regime of General Wojciech Jaruzelski has been flushed into the open by a report in Time magazine that an anti-communist plot was hatched by the Pope and

President Reagan. Janusz Palubicki, who has been Solidarity treasurer since the mid-1980s, has denied the report, by Carl Bernstein of Watergate fame, that Solidarity received money from the Central Intelligence Agency. The article, he said yesterday, was a "mixture of lies and truth that is difficult to separate for those who had no contact with the Solidarity underground".

Equipment was smuggled into Poland, but not as claimed, by priests and American agents. "There

Solidarity says its millions came from Western unions, but communists cling to their conspiracy theories, Roger Boyes reports from Warsaw

were no faxes, phones or matter. Much money did entelexes among the smuggled equipment, and anybody who claims that there were simply has no grasp of how Poland, or the underground, operated at the time." The denial from Solidarity came soon after a Vatican statement that the Pope was not party to any secret deal to topple communism. But the former communists have seen all their conspiracy the-

For Solidarity, the report has touched a raw nerve. The cash flow during the under-ground period is a secret ter Poland at the time, the source was not always clear. and angry disputes about how it was used still divide the Solidarity establishment.

· Andrzej Gwiazda, the former deputy leader of Solidarity, says about \$9 million (about £5 million at present rates) was channelled to Solidarity during the time it was outlawed. Mr Palubicki says \$110,00 in aid was received in 1982, and that by 1989 it had reached \$1.5 million. The funds came from the free trade unions institute. the AFL-CIO American

trade union, and the National Endowment for Democracy, and were funnelled through a Brussels account. Money arrived in suitcases by courier, sometimes \$100,000 at a time. Typically, the hard currency was used to print leaflets and books, to look after the families of political prisoners. and to fund fugitives who were changing flats and cars to avoid detection.

As Mr Palubicki admits, it is hard to say now exactly how the money was spent. There was no conventional book-keeping because the police could have seized our accounts." He says cash was distributed to the different regions according to need. and that a region would receive less the next year if it became obvious that money was being squandered.

There are Warsaw under-ground activists, however, who are still bitter that money intended for the whole union stayed in the Gdansk region. The distribution of money at the time remains a divisive issue. That is why the identities of early Solidarity treasurers are still secret, and why, at the 1990 Solidarity national congress, it was de-cided that there should be no public debate about

finances. Vatican involvement in the Solidarity resistance was rather more subtle than the version given by Mr Bernstein: smuggling priests and emissaries shuttling between Washington and Rome.

The CIA and the Vatican appear to have pooled intelligence on Polish affairs after the declaration of martial law. One explanation for the

Pope's remarkable tolerance of the strange goings-on in the Institute for Religious Works (the Vatican bank) is that a shell company was involved in financing Solidarity. That is still in the realm of informed speculation, but the church was certainly putting much money into helping the families of the 5,000 internees and other political prisoners. General Czesław Kiszczak.

interior minister in the martial law years, says in memoirs published recently that his secret police had thoroughly penetrated the underground. "About 90 per cent of funds arriving from the West passed through our hands." The ultimate source of Solidarity funds was almost certainly the CIA, he says. "If some of our intellectuals had received money

would not have touched it. But the funds were always channelled under the cover of some other organisation. We did not seize the money because we could have done that only once: then our channel of information would have dried up."

· Cowardice charge: Poland's centre-right government faced criticism of its plans to ease austerity, and a top Solidarity politician called for a new ruling coalition that would pursue freemarket reforms much more effectively.

Leaders of two pro-reform Solidarity parties virtually accused the government of Jan Olszewski of cowardice and populism in the face of public discontent with the results of the reforms of the past two years. (Reuter)

MPs sound alarm over exodus from restless East

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, was rebuked by British MPs yesterday for being "too sanguine" about the prospect of dictators taking power amid the turmoil in Central and Eastern

In a bleak analysis of the new era of instability rocking the new democracies, the House of Commons' committee on foreign affairs said that the people had been left vulnerable to the appeal of plausible autocrats. The report also warned the British government of a resurgence of nationalist fervour in response to the potential flood of economic migrants out of

In evidence to the enquiry, foreign office officials estimated that between one and seven million people might be moving westwards from the old Soviet bloc. The MPs said that, unless more assistance is given by the West to the new democracies, the magnet of the European Community could tempt hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of people from the East to "get up and go" looking for a

Attempts forcibly to return those who are fleeing from either economic deprivation or political repression are likely to revolt public opinion, the MPs said. The report talks of the "darker side of

Expo fire hurts pride of Spain

FROM FRANK SMITH IN MADRID

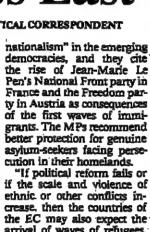
THIS is Spain's 'year of wonders", with Barcelona hosting the Olympic Games. Expo '92 at Seville and the 500th anniversary of Columbus's voyage of discovery to America. In addition, Madrid is this year's Cultural Capital of

But the destruction of the Discoveries Pavilion on the Expo site has come as a severe blow. The flames not only destroyed the main showpiece of the Age of Discoveries fair, but also deeply damaged Spain's belief that it can promote itself seriously as a modern and vigorous society.

Government ministers and Expo officials are trying to put on a brave face, pointing out that there are 89 other pavilions. But they have suffered an embarrassing setback less than nine weeks before the opening of Expo. which the organisers are hoping will attract 18 million visitors during its run from April 20 to October 12.

There had been four fires at the Expo site, on the island of La Cartuja, before Tuesday. But they were all minor compared to the latest, in the extent of the physical and psychological damage caused. Many of the doubts about the wisdom and viability of the whole 1992 enterprise and of Spain's ability to cope have now been reawakened.

"This is the real image of modern Spain a total mess." El Mundo said in an editorial yesterday, pointing out that Spain has the largest number of building accidents in Europe. "The only thing we can be thankful for is that the fire happened before the



arrival of waves of refugees. Such large-scale migration would constitute a serious problem for all of the member states of the EC," the report said. For example, up to 150,000 Hungarians have fled Croatia: Hungary, in turn, has up to 50,000 refugees from Romania; there are thousands of Romanians in Czechoslovakia: in Peland there are about 100,000 Belorussians and Ukrainians.

In addition, the committee predicts that the United Nations peacekeeping force might have to be virtually permanently stationed in the area to control warring factions as instability was likely to continue indefinitely.

During the enquiry Mr Hurd told the cross-party committee chaired by former Conservative cabinet minister David Howell, that he hoped the experience of totalitarian rule had "inoculated" the peoples for the time being against the temptation of returning to such repressive regimes. However, the committee, which toured the region. disagreed, and foresaw the prospect of a slide into autocratic habits and a tendency to disregard the democratic

Brussels: The European Economic Area, the fusion of the European Community and Efta nations, has hit yet another snag on its troubled path to establishment (Tom Walker writes).

Having last week overcome the hitch of unclear legislation, the European parliament yesterday won a sig-nificant victory over the European Commission when it insisted that the new chapters of the treaty solving the legal hitch had to be returned to the European Court of Justice for approval.

House of Commons foreign affairs committee is report -Central and Eastern Europe: problems of the post-communister (Stationery Office £13.25)



Prayers answered: the Princess of Wales meets Mother Teresa of Calcutta at last yesterday at their fourth attempt at a retreat in Rome for the Missionaries of Charity. They talked privately for 20 minutes

Russian reforms add to jobless

FROM REUTER IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN officials painted a grim picture yesterday of mil-lions of citizens thrust into poverty by the government's shock therapy".

Fyodor Prokopov, a deputy minister of employment, said unemployment could reach eight million by the end of 1992, 10 per cent of the Russian workforce. "Government means might not be enough to pay unemploy-ment benefits to all those registered." he added.

Ella Pamfilova, minister of social protection, said that 90 per cent of Russia's 150 million people now have an official monthly per capita in-come below 700 roubles little over half the cost of a typical monthly grocery bill.
"Living standards have fallen rapidly since prices were filed," she said. A Russian official in Frankfurt to discuss aid efforts said that 64 million citizens - invalids, the elderly, orphans, other children and refugees - were in need of special help. Russia freed prices on

many goods and services on January 2 as part of a move to a market economy, sending living costs soaring. Aggres-sive privatisation and the closing of loss-making enterprises are set to follow, swell-

President Yeltsin has pledged to help the poor, but few details have been made public. He was due to appear on Russian television last

Yegor Gaidar, the deputy prime minister, who designed President Yeltsin's radical reforms, said that the greatest threat to his market policies came from the possible breakup of the fragile Commonwealth of Independent States. The collapse of the CIS could act as a landmine that would blow up all of our reforms." he told the Literatumaya Gazeta.

Rise of the rouble fools speculators

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

FOR any Muscovite Rip van Winkle waking today, there is a sight even more incredible than the tsarist flag over the Kremlin: sane, ordinary people queueing to exchange hard currency for roubles. in December, street-smart

operators in Russia's topsytury economy decided the rouble was about to crash. Savers empried piggy banks to buy jewellery, sofas, televisions and, above all, dollars. They were wrong to do so. Rates on the black market are nudging 50 roubles to the dollar, compared with 130 three weeks ago. On Tuesday. at the latest of the Russian Central Bank's weekly currency auctions for enterprises, the local currency jumped from 210 to 170 to the dollar. At the same time

the amount of Western mon-

ex put up for auction surged by about half to more than

\$18 million (£10 million).

signals, the Central Bank adjusted its rate from 110 to 100 roubles to the dollar, the first rise for many months. The new conventional wisdom has it that it is all a deep, dark plot by the government and/or the malia to strip the people of precious dollars and buy wooden roubles; soon the rouble will crash and/or a monetary reform will confiscate everyone's savings. Yet, plots or no plots, there are good fundamentals behind the rouble's rise.

First, the freeing of prices on January 2 attracted into ordinary shops - as opposed to hard-currency emporia patronised by the lucky few a wider range of desirable goods. Second, businesses need roubles because of a credit squeeze and mounting wage bills. And, third, there is the psychological effect of Western interest in establishing a stabilisation fund to shore up the currency.

This week, however, M Le

Pen announced that he

would not be participating

Serbia's banks bait hook for **UN** troops

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

SERBIA may not have won the war, but its banks have fired the opening salvoes in the battle to win the peace. Almost drooling at the prospect of the hard currency a United Nations force of 13.000 peacekeepers will bring with it, two of the republic's biggest banks are vying with each other to capture the UN accounts.

Beogradska Bank, formerly run by Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, has been boasting that it has branches in Serb-held areas of Croatia and links to banks in New York, London and Paris. This, it says, will ease paying the "blue helmets".

Vojvodanska Bank has gone one further. According to Mirko Djuric, its director. it has a network of offices in the areas hit by the war and is able to perform all necessary banking services for the UN troops. Since areas "hit by the war", such as Vukovar in eastern Croatia, do not even have electricity, the cushing of even a Eurocheque seems a

somewhat distant prospect. The scramble for the UN accounts is by no means a topic of marginal interest, since millions of Yugoslavs have lost their hard currency in these self-same banks. Over the past year these bankrupt institutions have simply refused, or been unable, to pay hard currency, leading to hunger strikes and demonstrations by people who have lost their life savings. "Beogradska Bank — the biggest thief' read a placard at a recent rally. Foreign currency accounts are common in Yugoslavia because so many people have worked abroad and have always sent money home for their families and

their retirement. UN troops may decide that blue money-belts will be their safest option. Any advance party of UN accountants will do well to produce a troop guide to "what notes where". Croatian dinars circulate on one side of the front line, but Yugoslav dinars are still the currency on the other. In Serb-held areas of Croatia old Yugoslav banknotes no longer valid anywhere else are still legal tender.

Politicians in Bosnia and Macedonia have been reticent about whether they have their own currency ready to introduce. In response, Serbia's bankers have denied they are ready to retaliate with a Serbian dinar.

UN troops, beware: Yugoslav banks deliver less than they promise, and black marketeers will have bales of the old stuff ready to unload at the most favourable of rates.

morality, which come at a

moment when Olympique

Marseille's finances are

under scrutiny. M Gaudin

has publicly denounced

"the Tapie method, which is

like a manhunt". As the

brawl continues, it is at-

tracting sharp criticism in

Germany waives Warsaw debts

Bonn: Germany, one of Poland's main creditors, said vesterday that it would forgive half of Warsaw's official debt to support the fledgeling democracy's reforms.

The finance ministry said it had agreed with Polish officials to write off 50 per cent of Poland's 9.1 billion marks (£3.1 billion) official debt to Germany. The reduction will be made in two stages on the basis of a landmark agreement reached last March between Poland and the 16nation Paris Club of government creditors to waive at least half of the country's total of \$33 billion

(£18.6 billion) official debt. Poland was recognised as a special case by the Paris Club because it is at the forefront of the transformation of Eastern Europe from communism to democracy and to free markets. (Reuter)

Chile welcome

Santiago: Erich Honecker. the former East German leader now living in Chile's Moscow embassy, is welcome in Chile if he is allowed to leave Russia, Edmundo Vargas, acting foreign minister, said. Germany wants to extradite him. (Reuter)

Moving up

Paris: Serge Boidevaix, aged 63. France's ambassador to Germany, has been appoint ed secretary-general, the top civil servant, of the foreign ministry here. He succeeds François Scheer, who was sacked with four others over the "Habash affair". (AP)

Greeks accused

Tirana: Albanians forcibly expelled from Greece on Saturday say they were tortured by Greek troops in the border village of Sajava in a systemaric campaign to deter illegal immigration. They say people were burnt and some had limbs broken. (Reuter)

Toll mounts

Moscow: Fifteen people have been killed and 24 wounded this week in clashes between Armenians and Azerbaijanis in southwest Azerbaijan. The reported Azerbaijani claims that Armenians also took 90 hostages. (AFP)

Truck stop

The European Commission has proposed heavy taxes and restrictions on truck traffic to tackle vehicle pollution. It has also suggested measures to promote cheaper "bio-fuels" such as ethanol and esterified vegetable oils, to counter the erosion of fossil fuels.

Art restricted

Prague: A crucifixion scene and six other works of art on show in southern Czechoslovakia have been covered and visitors restricted to those over 18 on the insistence of local Roman Catholic priests. They say they are obscene, Rude Pravo reports. (Reuter)

Flesh-creeping

Berlin: Dozens of film critics walked out of the world premiere here of Hikarigoke. Japanese fim about cannibalism among shipwrecked sailors. They found the film, directed by Kei Kumai and Japan's only Berlin Festival entry, too realistic. (AFP)

Smokers win

Stattgart: The Baden-Württemberg state supreme court has rejected an application by two passengers to ban smoking on all domestic Lufthansa flights on the ground that the complaints of two infrequent flyers did not warrant a general ban. (AP)

Marseilles mud flies left, right and very far right an all-in wrestling bout.

Even the French press, well used to

political extravagance, finds the

LOCAL politics in Marseilles were always something of a blood sport, but the sound and fury now being generated in the runup to next month's regional elections has shaken even seasoned observers. With leading candidates going straight for the jugular at every opportunity, the final campaigning will take place against an increasingly ugly background of alleged cor-

ruption and dirty tricks. The confrontation involves three politicians heading their own list of candidates for the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur constituency, which is dominated by Marseilles. One of them, inevitably, is Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the National Front. Opposing

him on a broadly socialist ticket are Bernard Tapie, a wheeler-dealer, and Jean-Claude Gaudin, the local conservative kingpin.

A brief sample of the insults that have been exchanged between the three rivals provides the flavour of their style on the hustings. In M Tapie's view, "Le Pen is a swine and so is anyone who votes for him." According to M Le Pen, "Taple is a slobbering cretin, full of wind." M Gaudin has accused M Tapié of "political gangsterism" while he and M Le Pen circle each other with hostile intent in search of the anti-socialist vote.

If there is a certain sym-

metry to these exchanges, it

is explained by the rich stew

of political feuding that has

Philip Jacobson reports from Paris marked Marseilles in recent years. M Le Pen and M Tapié have clashed repeatedly since both stood for constituencies there in

1988. The National Front leader's bitterness at being narrowly defeated in what he had assumed was a fairly safe seat was intensified when M Tapié — the millionaire owner of the city's all-conquering football team. Olympique Marseille — made it to the national assembly with the backing of President Mitterrand.

With the National Front now making progress in much of the country by exploiting the immigration issue. M Le Pen is exuding confidence about the outcome of the regional election in the Bouches-du-

Not long ago, he accepted an invitation to a live television debate with M Tapié. originally scheduled for next week. Most commentators expected it to turn into the political equivalent of

Marseilles campaign not to its taste, because of the insults that M Tapié had directed at him and his party. An odd reaction from a politician for whom strong rhetoric has been a stock in trade, leaving the combative M Tapié to crow over his opponent's refusal to "face this test of truth".

> Rhône area lying around charges. Incensed by M

As for M Gaudin, a former mayor of Marseilles who had protested bitterly about being excluded from the proposed debate, the main priority has been to dodge the mud being slung by both rivals after last

week's arrest of one of his senior aides on corruption

the press, which is hardly unaccustomed to the electoral hurly-burly. Under the headline "Marseilles, or the art of gutter politics", Le Quotidien de Paris said that nothing in the city's rowdy past matches "the detestable level" of the debate.

A Libération editorial dismissed the endless exchanges of insults as no more than the borborygmes

— bowel-rumbling — of political mediocrities.

Establishment left looking foolish

New Hampshire turns tables again

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW Hampshire has a long history of delivering stunning upsets, and Tuesday's primary ranks with the best of them. Rarely has the Washington establishment - Republican, Democratic and chattering classes - been made to look so out of touch and foolish.

On the Republican side, an incumbent president who had seen off communism and won a foreign war was hu-miliated by a television commentator, Patrick Buchanan. who had never held office and had decided to run only ten

crats' victor was a man openly mocked when he declared his candidature last March. It was funny enough that Paul Tsongas had been out of office for eight years and that George Bush was at 91 per cent in the polls. The fact that Greek like Michael Dukakis, the Democrats' reviled 1988 nominee, made him look plain ridiculous.

Mr Tsongas was the ulti-mate anti-candidate. He had no charisma, no looks, no

'Come-back kid' pledges victory

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN ATLANTA

Arkansas, declaring himself to be the "come-back kid", after his second-place show-ing in the New Hampshire presidential primaries, came home to the American South yesterday to parade his enthusiastic rally

supporters.

Many of those in his audience admitted they could neither spell nor pronounce the name of Paul Tsongas, the New Hampshire victor. Mr Clinton promised he would beat Mr Tsongas in the long run, and blamed media attention on his personal life for obscuring his economic message and costing him the first

primary victory.

Mr Clinton has all the boynext-door advantages in Georgia's March 3 primary that Mr Tsongas had in New Hampshire. His campaign. which has been working throughout the state since December, is endorsed by hundreds of local officials led by Senator Sam Nunn and Governor Zell Miller, who also addressed the rally at Cable News Network's centre in Atlanta yesterday.

At Mr Miller's urging, the

Georgia primary was moved forward a week from the main southern "Super Tuesday" date of March 10. Geor-gia will be the first test of whether southern conservatives will overlook Mr Clinton's reputation for marital infidelities and unwillingness to serve in Vietnam.

His supporters hope he will pass that test with ease and go on to win back the momen-

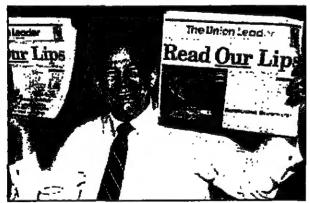


Clinton: aides deny he is retreating south

tum that he lost. He said yesterday it was good to get back to "the rest of the country". Aides rejected charges that he was retreating south to avoid further tests in such unfriendly territories as South Dakota, which has a primary on February 25.

Clinton campaign staff ac-cused the supporters of Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska of farming the issue of the governor's draft avoidance. Bernard Craighead, his cam-paign director, said cam-paign staff had received no negative phone calls when the draft story was published.

The large crowd of black and white voters waiting for Governor Clinton yesterday waved placards calling on Georgia to "Vote This Bill". Local analysts pointed out that he alone of the Democra contenders had made a determined bid for the votes of both races that are crucial to success in Southern Demo-



Man of the moment: Pat Buchanan showing off newspaper headlines supporting his success

Buchanan's gain is Israel's loss

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S economic lifeline from the United States may have been irreparably harmed by Patrick Buchanan's strong showing in the New Hampshire primary and the growing public support for his brand of "Ameri-

ca first" nationalism. Officials and politicians privately expressed fears last night that Mr Buchanan's anti-Israeli stance and his pledge to stop all foreign aid could influence the direction of the presidential race.

"America first means America first and Israel second, third or fourth — that is the basic logic," Zvi Rafia, an Israeli commentator on American affairs, said. "That and seeking extra funds.

means that if in the past Israel was getting all kinds of generous help which sailed through the administration and congress - no more." Mr Buchanan has established himself as the most vehement anti-Israeli figure

in Washington, particularly after he described Congress as "Israeli-occupied territory" because of the strong influence of the pro-Israeli Jewish lobby on Capitol Hill. The timing of the New

Hampshire result could not have come at a worse moment for Israel, the largest recipient of US economic and military aid, amuonting to \$3 billion (£1.7 billion) a year,



ation of political amateurs. As recently as Christmas his national approval rating was 2 per cent. What he did have was a single strong message whose time had come.

While his rivals offer populist "lollipops" such as middie-class tax cuts and protectionism, Mr Tsongas prescribed bitter economic medicine to an electorate suffering an appalling hangover from 1980s excesses. His comic appearance and selfmockery pointed up his honesty and courage.

Mr Tsongas deserved a break and got two of them. Tom Harkin, the Iowa senator, entered the race, rendering meaningless his home ing meaningless his nome state's caucuses and making New Hampshire, in Mr Tsongas's native New England, the first big test. Bill Clinton's campaign was then derailed by adultery and derailed by adultery and the first dedicing charges. draft-dodging charges. Thus the Democrats' ugly duckling became their swan.

Mr Buchanan also seized the moment. He was one of many on the Republican right who felt betrayed by Mr Bush's drift. Economically battered, angry and conservative, New Hampshire was tailormade for a protest challenge. The Buchanan campaign sprang almost overnight from telephone conversations with his sister in California and was a model of inspired improvisation crowned by his talent for communication. He and a dozen amateurs easily outcampaigned the accumulated experience of the Republican establishment.

Mr Buchanan wrote all his own speeches and undermined the president with a flow of words that distracted attention from his own of political extremism. Before his arrival in New Hampshire "those people in Wash-ington behaved as if they did not care", he said. The administration had only begun to worry about New Hampshire's 50,000 lost jobs when their own were suddenly own the line. He mocked "King George's hollow army". Mr Buchanan also had

breaks. The Manchester Union Leader, the only statewide paper, waged an almost hysterical campaign on his behalf and the White House was ineptitude personified.

Mr Buchanan's true support. Mr Buchanan camped out in New Hampshire while Mr Bush courted long-distance. Mr Buchanan aired non-stop advertisements showing Mr Bush making his 1988 "no new taxes" campaign pledge, while the White House "Rose Garden" strategy forbade

mention of Mr Buchanan. Loud and "ornery". Mr Bu-chanan electrified his audiences while the patrician Mr Bush had to import zest in the form of Arnold Schwarzenegger, the actor. In the last days Mr Bush handed Mr Buchanan a political plum by postponing his promised \$500-a-child rise in tax

Mr Tsongas and Mr Buchanan, diametric opposites in politics and style, now face common obstacles. Their detractors argue that they will not sell beyond New Hampshire, that with 27 primaries in the next 30 days they lack the money, organisation and manpower to wage nationals campaigns. That may well prove the case, but New Hampshire has turned both these unlikely men into forces to be reckoned with.



Double act: Susan Sarandon, left, and Geena Davis have both been nominated as best leading actress





Star performers: Warren Beatty, starring with Annette Bening in Bugsy, and Anthony Hopkins, right, playing Hannibal Lecter in The Silence of the Immbs. ware book nominated for the best actor award

FBI is to study

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

IN A step that mirrors the plot of the film, The Silence of the Lambs, the FBI plans to probe the mind of Jeffrey Dahmer, the serial sex-killer who was sentenced this week to life imprisonment without parole for the murders of 15

young men in Wisconsin.
"We hope he will want to talk to us at some point,"
Thomas Salp, head of the
FBI's investigative support unit, said, confirming that the agency believes it could benefit from questioning Dahmer about the fantasies and obsessions that drove him to torture and even ear some of his victims. The crimes are always in some way related to the personality of the killer," he added.

The interviews would be part of research into serial killers to help the FBI to offer characteristics and traits when next they investigated similar crimes, he said. In The Silence of the Lambs, Hannibal Lechter, a homicidal genius played by Antho-Bush strategy, page I
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Ny Hopkins, helps an FBI agent, played by Jodie Foster, to enter the mind of a similar serial killer.

Anthony Hopkins tipped to win top Oscar award

emerged from the nominations for the 64th Academy Awards in Hollywood yester day, leaving it one of the most open Oscar races in years. The winners will be an-

nounced on March 30. In another dismal year for British films. Anthony Hep kins receives his first Oscar nomination for his portrayal of the diabolic Hannibal the Cannibal in The Silence of the Lambs and is widely tipped to win the best actor award. Jonathan Demme's chilling thriller is nominated for a total of seven awards.

Bugsy. starring Warren Beatty, tops the list with ten nominations. Walt Disney's Beauty and the Beast received six nominations, including that for best picture, making it the first fully animated feature film to achieve this distinction.

Also a strong favourite for best picture is The Prince of Tides, starring Nick Nolte and Barbra Streisand, who is not nominated for the bestdirector award.

The controversy surround-ing Oliver Stone's JFK did not prevent it picking up eight nominations including best picture, although if it does win an Oscar it is more likely to be for best director. Aged just 23 when his surprise hit

Anthony Hopkins carries the flag for Britain in the Oscar nominations. William Cash writes from Los Angeles

Boyz N the Hood was released. John Singleton replaces Orson Weiles, who was 26 when nominated for Citizen Kane, as the youngest director ever nominated. Thelma & Louise, the femi-

nist version of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, picked up six nominations including best leading actress for both Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon. Perhaps the clearest favourite for best actress to emerge, however, is Jodie Foster as the FBI trainee in The Silence of the Lambs, for which she also won the Golden Globe Award.

The Oscar nominations come at the end of a long and expensive campaign by the big studios to woo the 4,900 voting members of the academy with glossy advertise-ments in the Hollywood Reporter and Variety. The film companies behind Bugsy and JFK are estimated to have spent the most on Oscar publicity this year.

The main nominees are: Picture: Beauty and the Beast, Bugsy, JFK, The Prince of Tides, The Silence of the Lambs.

Robert De Niro, Cape Fear Anthony Hopkins, The Si lence of the Lambs; Nick Note, The Prince of Tides,

> Kîng. Actress: Geena Davis, Theima & Louise; Laura Dern, Rambling Rose; Jodie Foster, The Silence of the Lambs; Bette Midler, For The Boys; Susan Sarandon, Theima & Louise.

Robin Williams, The Fisher

Supporting actor: Tommy Lee Jones, JFK; Harvey Keitel, Bugsy; Ben Kingsley, Bugsy; Michael Lerner, Barton Fink: Jack Palance, City Slickers.

Supporting actress: Diane Ladd, Rambling Rose; Juliette Lewis, Cape Fear; Kate Nelligan, The Prince of Tides; Mercedes Ruehl, The Fisher King: Jessica Tandy, Fried Green Tomatoes.
Director: John Singleton. Boys N The Hood; Barry Levinson. Bugsy; Oliver Stone, JFK; Jonathan Demme, The Silence of the Lambs; Ridley Scott, Thelma

& Louise.

Diary, page 12 three years. (AP)

Kashmir marchers will defy **Pakistan**

Delhi: India and Pakistan are maintaining a heavy military presence on either side of the Kashmir ceasefire line amid renewed threats of an attempted mass border crossing in support of an independent, reunited Kashmir (Christopher Thomas writes .

Islamabad is divided over how to respond to the threat. having already been forced into the absurd position of shooting its citizens in defence of a border it has consistently said should not be there. The Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front says it will lay siege to the border again on March 30. This time, the government may be reluctant to use the brutal tactics of last week.

The liberation front, which launched the violent secessionist movement in the valley nearly three years ago and was responsible for last week's border assault, was trained and supplied by Pakistan. But this is no longer the case: Pakistan has shifted its favours to fundamentalist groups. Islamabad's authority on its side of Kashmir is therefore being challenged by the very organisation it helped to launch.

Koreas enter new era

London: Television viewers on both sides of the 38th parallel dividing North and South Korea saw their leaders sign treaties initiating a new era of peace in the peninsula (David Watts writes).

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The ratification of nonaggression and non-nuclear pacts in Pyongyang has given rise to a feeling of optimism about reunification, whoch has been reinforced by a newspaper photograph of President Kim Il Sung, North Korea's "Great Lead-er", and Kim Woo Chong, head of South Korea front page of the North

Clerk accused in Ward case

Nairobi: The revenue clerk who took Julie Ward's entry fee at the Masai Mara game reserve was accused of ab-ducting and imprisoning her by the defence in the trial of two park rangers for the 1988 murder of Miss Ward (A

Correspondent writes). Under cross-exami yesterday, David Nchoko, the clerk, admitted that he had made a "mistake" and lied to the police about forging the register in which visitors names are recorded.

Punjab doubts

Delhi: Turnout in Punjab's first elections for seven years was less than 30 per cent. casting doubt on the prospects of the state government that is due to take office later this month. Sikh extremists threatened to shoot anyone

Vote swing

Johannesburg: South Afri-ca's far-right Conservative party was expected to win an important by-election at Potchefstroom in western Transvaal, signalling growing white opposition to President de Klerk's reform process. A record numout was predicted.

Taught a lesson

Martinsburg, Vermont: A court here ordered Sherilyn Williams to spend five weeks with her son in a classroom of eight-year-olds at Berkeley Heights school because the boy, who is a pupil there, has missed 100 days of school in

Prize-winning author writes off the monarchy In the blue corner, Bruce

AS THE Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh recov-ered in Admiralty House yesterday from a 21-hour flight to Australia, Thomas Keneally, winner of the Booker Prize and a prominent republican, was trying to persuade freshers at Syd-ney University to join the Australian Republic Movement (ARM).

Standing in the full sun, his forehead agleam with sweat, he addressed a motley bunch of teenagers. most of whom had been lured by an earlier display of sexy jiving and had lingered on to eat their lunches. The time has come for Australia to become a republic," said Mr Keneally. "Even today, we still look like some kind of colony. We must cut our ties with mother. We must have an Australian-appointed Australian head of state. not a British monarch who

As the Queen begins her tour of Australia, Joanna Pitman watches writer Thomas Keneally struggle to interest students in republicanism becomes Queen of Australia

only when she turns up here. Now is the time to stand on our own two feet." Most students seemed more interested in their pies than in republicanism. Having tempted only 1,000 Australians into its ranks since it was founded last July, ARM cannot claim to be anything but marginal. But Mr Keneally insists that the young generation sees a republic as the obvious step forward for Australia. "We will lobby for a referendum on the subject by 2001 and we will win." Students peeling off to investigate a yoga display

were unconvinced. "Mr Keneally may be a famous man, but he has a long way to go before he can persuade Australia to sack the Queen," said a young mathematician.

Fortunately for the Queen, ARM is not channelling its energies into stationing tomato-lobbing teams at strategic points during her seven-day tour. "When a mature child leaves home it does not go slamming the door and punching mother in the face," explained Mr Keneally, who says he has the greatest respect for the Queen and would like to



rancour". Lobbying for ARM and

the many other nascent republican lobby groups is hampered by a lack of serious debate. Extremists in the two camps have merely. lined up to trade insults, goaded by a press which sees sales jump with every

Ruxton, the deputy national president of the Returned Services League, a 250,000strong band of ex-serviceists, declares that the republicans should be charged with treason. "Anita Keating (the prime minister's wife) didn't even curtsy to the Queen, but they all bow to the Japanese when they come calling. It's British-bashing, that's what

In the red corner, trying to raise the populist banter to a more intellectual level, is Malcolm Turnbull, the lawyer in the Spycatcher case. He wants a republic for the sake of "a better system of government. whereby our head of state represents Australia, unequivocally and full time . . . nota monarch from a differ-

ent country with this bogus

Mr Turnbull proposes re-taining the Westminster system of parliamentary government but adding a president appointed for a five-year term by the government of the day, Despite the flurry of media coverage and a threat by

title of Queen of Australia."

five vote-hungry MPs to stage a boycott when the Queen opens the 50th parliament of New South Wales today, most Sydney residents still seem thrilled at the sight of the Queen. A solid national majority of around 60 per cent favours retaining the monarchy. More than 20 postwar polls offering an explicit choice between republic and monarchy, show that monarchists have never been in a minority, and that only in 1973 did support for the monarchy sink to 50 per

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Hardline challenger worries Likud

Rabin wins votes in fight to lead Labour

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THE course of this summer's Israeli general election was being determined last night when Shimon Peres, the leader of the opposition Labour party, fought a fierce rearguard action against Yitzhak Rabin, his long-standing rival, in the party's leadership

"If Peres remains in power, then we will have a very boring and very easy election." said a senior member of the ruling Likud party who is close to Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister. "If Rabin wins, then we can expect to have a real fight on our hands,"

His assessment appeared to confirm the general per-ception that only Mr Rabin, one of the most popular and charismatic figures in Israeli politics, is capable of reversing Labour's downward spiral and of defeating Likud in the general election due to be held on June 23.

Likud is to vote today in its own leadership race, but Mr Shamir is unlikely to face any real compedition from David Levy, the foreign minister, or from Ariel Sharon, the housing minister.

Under Labour party rules, the successful candidate needs at least 40 per cent of

the votes to become party leader. An opinion poll taken among Labour supporters on Tuesday revealed that 46 per cent supported Mr Rabin, while only 39 per cent backed Mr Peres. The remaining support went to two other challengers: Ora Namir, who obtained 12 per cent, and

Yisrael Kessar, the leader of

the Histradut labour federa-

tion, who was trailing with only 3 per cent.
"I believe that I have the best chance of defeating Likud," said Mr Rabin, who headed Israel's armed forces when they crushingly defeated Arab armies in the six-day war of 1967. "This is because of my experience as chief of staff, defence minister and premier, and of course because of the mood in my

favour among the voters."
His confidence did not seem misplaced, since a recent opinion poll suggested that a Rabin-led Labour par-ty would defeat Likud at the polls by 36.5 per cent to 28 per cent. By contrast, if Mr Peres remains party leader Likud would win by 32 per

cent to 27 per cent. Mr Rabin owes his populist reputation to his hardline policies on defence and security needs, exemplified by his

tough handling of the Palestinian intifada in 1987, when he was defence minister. He is regarded as the only figure of the left capable of negotiating peace with the Arab states without compromising Isra-

Although Mr Peres can rightfully claim a good political pedigree and is much respected internationally, particularly for his handling of the economy when he was minister of finance, he continues to have a credibility problem with the electorate, which suspects that he is over-eager to offer concessions in order to make peace with Israel's Arab neighbours. "My motto is that it is forbidden to despair and

show lack of patience," said Mr Peres, who is known for his skilful manoeuvring within the party. "I am the person who can lift the country out of the difficult situation and move it towards the 21st century. Israel needs courageous, energetic leadership."



People's favourite: Yirzhak Rabin is fighting Shimon Peres for the leadership of Israel's Labour party, which polls say only he could lead to victory in June

Marcos offers to play mother

first lady of the Philippines. says the presidency is a woman's job and is offering herself as a mother for "all forces" in the islands. The widow of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, one of eight candidates running in the May presidential elections, told businessmen in Manila: "The ultimate role of a woman is to be a mother. The presidency is something natural for a WINDLE.

Hazel Hawke, wife of Bob Hawke, the former Australian prime minister, had a benign tumour on her pituitary gland successfully removed vesterday. "Doctors are very happy with the oper-ation and hoping for a swift recovery," said a spokesman for Mr Hawke, who was at his wife's bedside in Sydney.

Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands said the European Community should come up with a joint strategy to ensure the success of the Rio de Janeiro Earth summit in June. "The single effort of one country in Europe is not enough," the prince said after

Imelda Marcos, the former meeting President Salinas de first lady of the Philippines, Gortari of Mexico. "We are endorsing a lax plan to improve the environment in Holland, but if Belgium, Germany. England and others don't it will be no good."

> The actress Jane Fonda, aged 53, and her husband Ted Turner, the head of Cable News Network television, have contacted a gynaecologist famous for obtaining pregnancies in woman beyond normal child-bearing age. Severino Antinori, director of the international centre for human reproduction in Rome, said he had been asked for an appointment.

Keith Floyd, the television chef, is furious after British Telecom put up signs telling motorists they were closing the only road to his village pub and restaurant in Tuckenhay, Devon, for two weeks for repair work to telephone lines. He is demanding compensation for lost trade caused by the signs. A BT spokesman said new notices would now be put up saying access to the village was still possible, while barring

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UN warns Saddam over arms

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

RAQ is heading for a showdown with the United Nations over its failure to abide by the terms of the Gulf war ceasefire.

The Security Council issued a warning yesterday of 'serious consequences" if I raq continued to refuse to cooperate with the UN plan for an indefinite monitoring of its arms-industry. Diplomats also expressed concern about Iraq's blockade of the Kurdish north of the country, and its failure to make a limited, UN-approved oil sale to fi-

nance relief efforts. Rolf Ekeus, head of the UN commission charged with disarming iraq, is to visit Baghdad to secure Iraqi compliance with the UN plan to monitor its weapons production capacity. Britain, France and America are also planning to send a stiff message to Baghdad about the Kurdish blockade.

The confrontation is likely to come to a head early next month when Iraq sends a delegation led by Tariq Aziz, the deputy prime minister, to address the council.

• Geneva: Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis are victims of human rights violations under President Saddam Hussein, a report by a special UN investigator said. "Since the second world war few parallels can be found for such violations." (AP)



Lebanon

The Beirut goverment, alarmed by the pace of developments, met in emergency session and ordered army units deployed along the border with Israel's security zone in the south to defend their positions and return fire in case of Israeli attack. It also sent Michel al-Morr, the defence minister, to Damascus to seek Syria's military assistance in case Israeli troops thrust into the country.

Yesterday rocket attacks on Israel and Israeli artillery strikes on southern Lebanon — in which at least three people died - continued in the aftermath of the killing of Sheikh Hussein Moussawl, the Hezbollah leader, in an Israeli helicopter attack on

prepares for war

FROM ALI JABER

SOUTH Lebanon was pervaceo wiin an aimosphere o impending war yesterday amid fears that Israel was about to invade Lebanese territory to curb the rocket attacks on its northern border

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Libya hoards food to beat sanctions

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN TRIPOLI

SCORES of ships queued outside Tripoli yesterday to deliver food ordered by Libya to prepare for possible sanctions. At the same time an aide to Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, briefed Colonel Muammar Gadaffi on a PLO investigation "exonerating" Libyans of responsibility for the PanAm bombing over Lockerbie.

Western diplomats believe the ships' cargoes are being stockpiled as a result of the passing of UN Security Council Resolution 731. which raised the spectre of trade sanctions against Libya for refusing to hand over two Libyans accused by Britain and America of carrying out the 1988 bombing that killed 270 people.

Tripoli-based diplomatic sources are sceptical of official accounts attributing the unusually high level of shipping activity to preparations for Ramadan, which starts next month, when trade will shrink to a trickle because of the month of daytime fasting involved. "Ramadan takes olace each vear, but it's never been as busy as this before."

one Western envoy said. Libya produces a million barrels of oil a day, but is

many other commodities and foods. Libya is also believed to have begun moving capital out of European bank accounts to Arab and Asian institutions, sources said.

But European diplomats

here have dismissed an American report suggesting that Colonel Gadaffi is putting the country of 4.5 million inhabitants on a "war footing" to try to repulse any new US military attack. "Libyans saw from the war against Iraq that whatever defence preparations they could make would be useless against sophisticated Ameri-

can technology," a European diplomat said. Observers have seen signs that Libya's armed forces are building new shore defences. Some sandbagged gun positions have been set up at key buildings in Tripoli, but diplomats believe these are token gestures by the army, whose officers want to be seen to be doing something,

no matter how symbolic. There has also been specu lation that Libyan officials might be considering using some 14,000 Westerners working in Libya as a bargaining counter if sanctions were to be introduced. Between 5,000 and 6,000 of the Westerners are Britons.

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A prophet for the Bible-belt

The Buchanan bandwagon is gaining pace, says Peter Stothard in Atlanta

n he barde of New Hampshire is over. The battle for the South has begun. With those words the triumphant Republican challenger, Patrick Buchanan, put his first success behind him and set off for the campaign which will decide whether he heads a protest or

Metaphors of war are muchabused in the language of politics, but there are none better to describe the progress of the conservative journalist and White House speechwriter who on Tuesday won 40 per cent of his party's vote against the man who was once the most popular president in history. Last week, when Mr Buchanan said that "King George led a

hollow army", George Bush's men could laugh, admiring the words but not believing them. Yesterday, they looked at their organisation of worthies here in Georgia, where the next vital vote is to be held on March 3, and wondered.

At Mr Buchanan's southern headquarters. where national focus, the Bible is open at the Book workers here, led by Jack Thrift, an ascetic veteran of Scienties campaigns against the peanut packer Jimmy Carter, regard Mr Bush's Washington as a city of wickedness to match Nineveh. wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right

Buchanan: is he leading a protest or a real challenge?

hand and their left hand". Political director John Bates wears a military tie and blazer with a Wedgewood tiepin of the em-peror Tiberius. "Washingtonia delenda est", he says, urging a Carthaginian fate for the American capital. As the votes came in on Tuesday night, Mr Buchanan's generals held a "victory party" at an airport hotel. It was hardly celebratory - Diet Coke, damp pretzels and grim faces - but it made up in seriousness what it lacked in soark.

Officially the president is said to take comfort from the difference between economically oppressed New Hampshire, where the unemployment rate is 8 per cent, and Georgia, where it is only half as high. But although Atlanta, city Coke, CNN and the 1996 Olympics, has prospects such as New England has not seen since the 19th century, the sense of the president's personal economic failure is no less palpable here than in

the north-east. In the next two weeks, Mr Bush will make much more of his leadership of the Gulf war, hoping to exploit Mr Buchanan's hostility to Operation Desert Storm in a state which is one of the nation's most militarist. But this too may be difficult. The Gulf war is seen by many as a failure which left Saddam Hussein stronger than

the man who defeated him. Much of the economic pain in Georgia comes from cuts in the military budget. Mr Buchanan will present himself as a flerce

defender of America, facing a president who wants to defend the rest of the world. Unlike Mr Bush. Mr Buchanan need not be specific about which Georgia-based weapons programmes will be cancelled.

Republican voters in Atlanta are more idealistic about "leadership" than those in New Hampshire. The New Englanders wanted their economy mended, much as a helpless householder might plead for a plumber. Here they are looking for principled general-ship, a chance to link their pride in where they have come from to a vision of where they are going. So far, that has not been the forte of the 4 1st president.

Some of the Georgian ideals have ugly edges. Mr Buchanan will make much more here of his charge that the president backed a bill allowing "racial quotas" in employment. In a state with a black population some twenty times that of New Hampshire, this charge will

resound all the stronger. As many in Atlanta well remember. Georwhites only" long after blacks won the vote. The unusual tim-

ing of this next election is perfect for the Buchanan campaign. Until only a month ago, it was scheduled for a week later, the so-called "Super Tuesday" when the tries to South show its collective strength. But in order to help their own favourite can-

didate, Bill Clinton, the Democratic state leadership advanced the primary date.

This will certainly help Mr Clinton, who has a massive organisation here, its office walls covered with activist endorsements and rooms full of "Vote Clinton" poster-painting parties in which every letter "O" becomes a pink Georgia peach. A call to Paul Tsongas's headquarters yesterday produced only a recorded message that "the mail box is full: please try later".

But the change of date also helps Mr Buchanan, whose chief handicap in running against the president is the growing need to be in seven primary-voting states at once - an easier task if you have "Airforce One" and White House backup at your disposal. Georgia gives the challenger one more clear swing before the

Georgia Republicans do not all share the zealous fundamentalism of Jack Thrift and John Bates. Some of their fiercest conservative fighters, like senior House Republican Newt Gingrich, are still scrapping on the president's side, and George Bush's men will come back as hard as they can. But one precedent was in all their minds yesterday as they mixed plots with celebrations: the fall of another establishment Washingtonian in 1976, when President Gerald Ford was pounded by Ronald Reagan in New Hampshire and mopped up eight months later by the "peanut-packer".

David Pannick welcomes yesterday's Court of Appeal ruling that a council cannot sue for libel

ord Justice Goddard recog nised in 1942 that libel law "adds a terror to authorship". The Court of Appeal yesterday imposed some welcome controls on those terrors by ruling that local and central government

cannot sue for libel. London is the libel capital of the world. In no other jurisdiction does the law give so much encouragement to litigation by secondrank politicians, entertainers who will never again top the bill, and businessmen who prefer flattery to independent investigation. Where the allegations concern the activities of government, the libel law raises important questions about freedom of expression in a demo-

In September 1989 The Sunday Times published articles questioning the propriety of investments made by Derbyshire county council from monies in its superannuation fund. Libel actions were brought by the council, Mr David Bookbinder (then leader of the council) and Mr Owen Oyston, a businessman. Last October The Sunday Times apologised to Mr Oyston and paid his damages and costs in settlement of his action.

Chaining Big Brother

where English law is uncertain, it should be interpreted consistently with the European Convention on Human Rights. Whether a local authority could sue for libel was unclear. So the court had regard to Article 10 of the Convention, which prohibits any interference man rights. with freedom of expression except Whether the comments made by

The Court of Appeal accepted

the argument of Anthony Lester

QC for The Sunday Times that

where necessary in a democratic

by the European Court of Human

Rights, the Court of Appeal con-

cluded that there was no "pressing

social need" for a local authority to

have a right to sue for libel. It

could sue for malicious falsehood

if it could establish that the

with knowledge of its falsity. While politicians debate wheth-

er to incorporate the Convention,

decisions of the European Court

are being studied and applied with

spaper published the article

Applying the criteria stated

Only by exercising the right to discuss, dispute and dissent can

tal rights are respected.

Critics of the judiciary should

note that the judgment of the Court of Appeal is another demonstration of how English judges. are well able to articulate a liberal philosophy based on hu-

The Sunday Times about Derbyshire county council were true or untrue, fair or unfair, it would be intolerable if the law were to permit an organ of government to seek to inhibit and penalise its critics for what they say about its activities. As Lord Justice Balcombe noted, if a local authority could sue for libel, so could central government. This would have serious adverse effects on our

increasing regularity by English and to identify what is error, judges, who are understandably anxious to ensure that fundamengovernment. Moreover, it is futile to boast of democracy accountable to the people if we are prevented from learning and criticising what is being done on our behalf by those who govern us. Thomas Jefferson was only slightly exaggerating in 1797 when he stated

that he would prefer newspapers

without government to govern-

ment without newspapers. Because of the public interest "open discussion of political issues", the European Court held in the Austrian case of Lingens in 1986 that the limits of acceptable criticism are "wider as regards a politician as such than as regards a private individual". Unfortunately, the Court of Appeal was not asked to rule that Mr Bookbinder should be allowed to sue for libel in respect of criticisms of his conduct as a councillor only if he could establish malice

Such a reform is necessary

Supreme Court noted in a 1964 decision cited by the Court of Appeal, the rule prohibiting libel actions by government could otherwise be sidestepped by lawsuits brought by the officials of whom

the government is composed. The Supreme Court was rightly concerned that "would-be critics of official conduct may be deterred from voicing their criticism, even though it is believed to be true, and even though it is in fact true. because of doubt whether it can be proved in court or fear of the

expense of having to do so". In 1965, Lord Justice Russell complained that "the law of libel seems to have characteristics of such complication and subtlety that I wonder whether a jury can readily distinguish their heads from their heels". There is some way to go before libel law ceases to lower the reputation of the legal system in the minds of rightthinking people. But the Court of Appeal has made a start, with a simple but necessary reform.

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Small items make a splash

that my middle name is Autolycus? I have just snapped up a couple of ill-considered trifles. They are both what in newspaper parlance we call "Nibs", which is an acronym for "news in brief", and brief these certainly are. Here is the first:

Supplies of condoms to Egypt have been cut off by the United States after reports that millions were resold as balloons.

And here is the other: Chinese officials have seized 170.000 pairs of fake Levi Jeans in

Let us consider each of these items calmly. First, the condoms. We must all begin by admitting that we did not know that the United States had been sending millions of condoms to Egypt - so many. Indeed, that there were millions left over to use as playthings. But it is not clear why the United States has been showering Egypt with condoms.

Perhaps the manufacture of fullstrength condoms is but in its infancy in Egypt, so that the more advanced United States has taken pity on the backwardness of the recipient. But there is another puzzle. The statement said that the condoms were "resold" as balloons. But surely the American generosity does not consist of giving with one hand and taking back with the other; did they really sell them to the Third World? That would only deepen the mystery, for if the Egyptians bought the condoms, they could thereafter do whatever they liked with them.

There are no clues as to who was whirligigging around airport tar-macs and television studios.

selling the balloons, much less who was buying them. It is all very well to say that balloons are popular, harmless and beloved of children and of the children in all of us, but we are dealing here with millions; has the entire population of Egypt gone plain barmy about balloons, now spending all its time blowing them up, knotting the necks, and throwing into the sky for the passing currents to take them whither they may? If so, it is no surprise to learn that Egypt is not only unable to make or even buy its own condoms, but inexcusably frivolous as well.

Let us leave this conundrum for a moment, and go on to an item that may well prove even more odd



Bernard Levin is seduced by the briefest news stories

than the Great Condom Mystery. It is the news from China not only that the authorities have seized 170,000 pairs of take Levi jeans. but that they have done so as a

warning to counterfeiters. First of all, what is a fake pair of Levi jeans? As I understand these matters, jeans are the simplest and most egalitarian items of ciothing. Why would somebody counterfeit them? More extraordinarily still, how would they counterfeit them? What, indeed, can counterfeit mean in this context? Apart from anything else, if somebody is counterfelting them how is it possible for anyone to know which the genuine article and which the copy. Don't say "the label", for heaven's sake; if someone can counterfeit a couple of yards of

"Accept no imitation". But then it gets like a hall of mirrors; which is the real thing and which the fake, and which faked label is being put on which real (or

But that is only scratching at the surface of the enigma; if there are such things as counterfeit Levi jeans, and the Chinese authorities go so far as to worry about this trade, what did the counterfeiters think they were doing with no fewer than 170,000 pairs?

I do not wear jeans; but inquisitive I am. When I heard about this, I took from my wardrobe a pair of linen trousers which I guessed must weigh roughly the

cheap cloth, he can surely have thought one step further and weighed them. Then I multiplied counterfeited the bit which says the volume, it was stupendous. Where did they keep such quanti-ties, and how did they think they

could conceal their fakes? Then again, assuming the storage problem could be solved, what about the retail side of the business? I have never been to China, but I have seen many photographs and television programmes featuring Chinese people, and the standard dress from the waist down does indeed seem to be something like a pair of leans. Now I cannot believe that a pair of regular jeans, honestly come by, would cost more than a tiny sum. But if I cannot

believe that, I have a very much

because if the ordinary Chinese cheap jeans in the stores are available, and someone thinks it would pay him to make 170,000 pairs of fake Levi jeans, the only possible conclusion is that your average Chinese peasant is so fashion-conscious that he or she ignores the state-run emporiums and flocks to the under-thecounter contraband, there to buy a fake pair of real Levis with which to go one up on the neighbours.

et us go back to the balloons, nès condoms. for a moment. It occurs to Chinese jeans would cost no more than a trifle, then a fortiori a balloon, whether a real one or a condom makeshift, could only have on it a price-tag so modest that it would hardly be worth the retailer's trouble to stock it. Now if the mystery of the jeans comes down to the wearers insisting that they must be absolutely à la mode. can it be that there is status to be got in Egypt with a condom for a balloon instead of the more traditional toy? If so, we shall all be obliged to revise our impressions of the Third World pretty sharpish, lest we shall be travelling in. say. Africa, and stop to inspect a grass hut, only to be told by the proud owner that the grass came from the cuttings of Wimbledon at championship time.

Is there any way the condomsellers can get together with the jeans-fakers, with mutual profit to them both? For instance, it is well known that the Chinese are keen on kites, and adept at flying them; tian salesman convince them that condom-bailoons are even more fun? Or look at it the other way: if we can tempt the Chinese authorities to turn a blind eye to the jeansfaking ("mind you, I've said nothing"), and content themselves with, say, a 15 per cent rake-off, Levis indistinguishable from the real thing could be the newest Egyptian fashion sensation, which would obviously be good for trade between China and Egypt. As for ... the Americans, who started this, they need not fear an unsaleable quantity of condoms; all they need to do is to rain them down on Colonel Gadaffi.



...and moreover Peter Barnard

do not, at time of writing, have plans to visit the International Spring Gardening Fair, albeit that this worthy project, announced yesterday, will be organised by the Royal Horticultural Society and News International Exhibi-tions I do not doubt that my attitude will undergo revision, and not only on account of the second sponsor and its familial link to the fettle of my bank account, but right now I am disinclined to admit any interest in matters green, much less matters vaguely rural. I am miffed, if you want it in a word, having just returned from a visit

They are all very kind. They approach me at the coffee machine and while I am negotiating a cup of number 13, a coffee formulation which I have in vain urged on J. Sainsbury, they ask me how it is going. The question is loaded but the trigger is never quite squeezed.

They mean how is it going working from home? They mean how is it going working from home in Wiltshire? They mean: you poor sod, how long before you crack?

Sometimes they hedge about the central question with jokes. They ask, for example, about silage prices. I do not even know what silage is, much less its price per kilo (or possibly, litre) and sometimes they couch the question in what they take to be

a rural accent. Odd. They never did this before, even though I am the have not been tardy in exploitonly person I know with a ing. Until his demise a few

vaguely rural accent, the consequence of having been born in Cornwall and brought up in Devon. But this is not why people waiting for number 13 to do its work so that they can get at number 41 speak to me of silage in long vowels and rolled consonants. Their underlying purpose is to discover how the devil one keeps in touch. This is not a question addressed to those who commute from deepest Kent or that flat place, whaddayacallit, Essex? Essex. To be out of touch you have to live the same travelling time from London, but with the

The last time I interviewed the prime minister we touched on this strange phenomenon. You will have noticed that the prime minister has a slight burr to his voice, sufficient to suggest he has a rural connection somewhere. "Mr Callaghan," I said, "do you find yourself disadvantaged in negotiations with the IMF by its officials' habit of making behind-the-hand references to you as a backwoodsman?" I forget his reply and cannot look it up in the cuttings because the interview was spiked by the editor. "Callaghan irrelevant" he scrawled across the copy. somewhat cruelly in my opinion. With judgment like

rompass pointing west.

that. I do not see how Rees-Mogg can be long for the job. Not that politicians are any different. We hardly ever see anyone from one of the major parties, something the Liberals months ago, you could hardly get to the bar of the local pub for sycophantic Young Liberals surrounding Mr Thorpe, their charismatic leader, who saw Wiltshire as the seedbed of his party's renaissance. No fool he. But of Callaghan and Thatcher there has been no sign whatsoever.

Of course I am in a no-win situation, to use the current vernacular. As President Carter will soon discover, boasting about the in-touchness of an artery is a difficult, et, art. Making a virtue of the boondock is a policy with a short shelf-life. You are forced onto the defensive, obliged to explain new fangled devices such as desk-top publishing and electric trains. This carries the risk of seeming to protest too much.

For example, last week I was in London to see the new Lloyd-Webber. Evita: how many of these so-called metropolitan sophisticates, I asked number 41, have seen that? Number 41. a callow youth, seemed not to have even heard of it, let alone seen it. Probably couldn't find a bus, given the state of the GLC.

One thing though: don't label me as a professional advocate of the rural idyll. Tired of London I am not Nor shall I push things too far, unlike a friend of mine in the same business who has just moved to Brittany, reckons Brittany is as in touch as Maidstone, or will be with the Channel tunnel. A Channel tunnel. I said to him. Dream on, I said. You really must keep in touch, old boy.

Drawn at dawn

IN an incident reminiscent of the pages of Baroness Orczy, it has emerged that an English soldier fought a duel in defence of the honour of Field Marshal Montgomery 33 years ago.

The duel, which has gone unreported until now, was fought with swords in San Marino early in 1959. Its origins lay in a diplomatic incident between Britain and Italy, involving not only the field marshal, but also Selwyn Lloyd, the foreign secretary, and the Italian prime minister, Fanfani. It ended in the cold dawn light with a Sicilian lawyer receiv-

ing a sword wound in the arm. The affair began with the publication of Monty's memoirs, where he accused Italian soldiers of fighting less than heroically. The Italian prime minister protested, letters were exchanged between governments and Monty

had to issue an "explanation". Even that failed to satisfy Vincenco Caputo, the Sicilian president of the Italian Nationalist Association, who challenged the field marshal to a duel "in defence of the prestige of the Italian nation". Montgomery declined, but the challenge was taken up by a wartime colleague, known only as Mr Bridgland. Monty asked his man to withdraw and the duel was cancelled - or so the press be-

lieved at the time. Thirty-three years on, a letter in The Field reveals that under great secrecy the challenge was taken up with a bloody outcome. Bridgland's "kinsman", as he styles himself, is identified in the magazine only by the initials ARB, although The Field says it knows and has checked the identity of its correspondent. One theory is that the letter-writer is the duelist.



According to "ARB", when the duel was cancelled. Caputo and his allies convened a traditonal Italian "court of honour" to brand Bridgland a coward. This was too much for the Englishman, who issued his own challenge. "The duel was fought in strict accordance with the rules. After a few minutes the Italian received a wound on his sword arm. It bled sufficiently for honour to be satisfied," says ARB.

"A fellow should not be allowed to get away with calling an Englishman a coward," ARB records the duelist as saying. "The Italian showed himself to be a very brave man indeed. To fight with potentially fatal weapons in the cold dawn light with nobody to cheer requires a good measure of 2am courage. Both principals had it."

 Barbra Streisand may have gone to bed in London on Tuesday night dreaming of princesses after the royal première of The Prince of Tides. Yesterday she awoke to taste the other side of the business when she learnt that contrary to all predictions she had failed to win an Oscar nomination. Many people had tipped Streisand for a nomination in the best director category. The Prince of Tides was nominated in no fewer than seven categories - but not for direction. Perhaps she should have known better. The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences has not nominated a woman as best director since Lina Wertmuller and Seven Beauties in 1976.

Woman in charge

THE first round of the annual Booker squabbles is over with the appointment of Times reviewer Victoria Clendinning to chair this year's judges. Next week the Booker management committee will reveal the names of her fellow adjudicators but Glendinning's appointment — only the third woman in the chair since 1969 —

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appears to owe more than a little to last year's commotion over only the second all-male shortlist in the prize's existence.

Glendinning won't be insisting on an all-women shortlist, she says. "But when I suggested to the Book Trust that it would be a lark to have an all women panel, they looked as if they might faint."

NPG on the rocks.

CHAMPAGNE was flowing as John Major arrived at the National Portrait Gallery on Tuesday
night. But the prime minister had
obviously decided after Labour's

and 17 stone, who are we argue about the former lock's caring qualities?

glitzy banquet last week the bubbly was best left to the socialists. He called instead for a gin and tonic. Panic set in. Ian Greer, who was

hosting the reception as part of the 10th anniversary celebrations of his public affairs company, IGA. summoned the caterers. Where can we find the prime minister a humble gin and tonic? A waiter was dispatched under police escort to the nearest pub, on the corner of St Martin's Lane. He returned with not one but three gin and tonics on a silver tray. The prime minister, who during the party in-spected the new Karsh photograph of himself, happily sipped his drink unaware of the drama involved in quenching his thirst. Yes-terday Neil Park, the landlord of The Chandos, was equally unaware that the prime minister had been a customer. "I was a bit surprised when a waiter came in with a police escort," he said. And did the prime minister return his glass? "It must have been the one ! found outside the front door this

• Will Carling has been voted Britain's number one rhinoceros. The award, given only to those who charge their way to success, was bestowed on the England rugby captain by the readers of Success and Achievement magazine yesterday. "I think most of the England side could have qualified," he said. But at the same time one of Carling's world cup colleagues. Paul Ackford, was trying hard to shed the rhino image. He has just been transferred to the Metropolitan Police's new Plus Squad, set up to promote a more caring image for the police. Several opposing packs with caulislower ears might question his suitability - but as he is 6ft 6ins and 17 stone, who are we wimps to argue about the former England



CRIME IN RECESSION

The "party of law and order" will not have thanked Commander David Stevens of the Metropolitan Police for linking London's reported crime statistics to the recession this week. Stumbling with embarrassment, the home secretary. Kenneth Baker, seemed yesterday to be taking political credit for recent City fraud cases. He pointed out that not many of those involved "could be described as socially deprived", as if a high level of fraud was a badge of national prosperity.

Mr Baker was right, however, when he said that the relationship between crime statistics and the state of the economy is not simple. The most recent Home Office research on this was published in 1990 (Trends in crime and their interpretation, by Simon Field; HMSO). From it can be extracted what might be termed Field's first theorem. that growth in property crime is inversely related to growth in personal consumption; and his second theorem, that growth in personal crime is directly related to growth in personal consumption. In years when average personal spending rises little or even falls, property crime grows relatively fast. But at the same time crimes against the person specifically sex and violence - grow more slowly or are static. And vice versa.

There is thus. Mr Field found, an "extremely strong relationship between crime and the business cycle". But the relationship is not the obvious one, with unemployment simply driving up crime. Indeed recession seems to be an effective way of restraining the most worrying category of crime, that involving violence. But the gross level of unemployment appears not to be a direct contributor to these trends.

Statistical wisdom is beginning to dawn at the Home Office and Scotland Yard. There are reports that, after an election, even Mr Baker may have the courage to curtail the nonsensical publicising of police-reported crime figures. Only certain headline writers and MPs now take reported crime statistics at face value. Commander Stevens on Tuesday emphasised that the number of crimes reported can fluctuate with changes in reporting practice among police and public. The surge of 66 per cent in reported domestic violence last year is a good example.

He noted that the rise in telephone ownership makes it easier to report crime; the spread of insurance makes reporting theft more likely as companies will not compensate for an unreported loss; the public is less inclined to tolerate petty violence and so more inclined to dial 999 when it occurs. More sensitive police handling, including better co-operation with other social agencies, has greatly increased the reporting of rape, domestic violence and

By the quite different Home Office's British Crime Survey, based on public surveys not police records, statisticians have come closer to measuring the true rate of crime. Home Office research finds that medium-term changes in the economy do not appear to alter the relationship (whatever it is) between reported crime and actual crime. Thus a change in the former can be taken as some evidence of a change in the latter. And hence Mr Field's correlations between changes in crime and changes in personal consumption are probably real.

Commander Stevens was drawing attention to a 21 per cent increase in reported street robbery, a type of crime which he said was going up most in those parts of London which are currently having a tough time economically. To be a victim of street crime, one must first be out and about, probably with money to spend. That, suggests the Home Office research, is behaviour more characteristic of those who are prospering than those down on their luck. But to be robbed in the street is to be a victim of personal and property crime simultaneously,

subject to both Mr Field's theorems at once. There is clearly no simple cause and effect between recession and crime. By his speculative expedition into the world of politics Commander Stevens has wandered off his beat. And indeed Mr Baker has too. Is it too much to hope that crime and the recession might now disappear as an election issue?

DOWN BUT NOT OUT

The New Hampshire primary is like a British by-election. It records and exag-gerates a protest vote; a candidate can still perform very differently in the main contest in November. While George Bush has reason to be worried by Pat Buchanan's strong showing on Tuesday, he remains on course for re-nomination as Republican candidate. He is also still front-runner to win the presidency again, as the Democrats are as far away as ever from finding and picking

a credible challenger. The New Hampshire result is superficially very bad news for Mr Bush. A year after he won record ratings during the Gulf war, he has been humiliated by a maverick conservarive best known for his combative television appearances and newspaper columns. Mr Buchanan won nearly as many votes as Eugene McCarthy did in the same primary in 1968, which led to Lyndon Johnson's decision not to seek re-election. With his neoisolationist "America First" message, Mr Buchanan drew support from Republicans disillusioned by Mr Bush's reversal of his nonew-taxes pledge and hit by the recession. And Mr Bush fought a lacklustre campaign.

That said, the outcome is not a fatal blow. Mr Bush has plenty of time to recover-According to exit polls, more than half of Mr Buchanan's voters said their aim was to send a message to Mr Bush rather than to imply that Mr Buchanan would be the best president. New Hampshire is atypical, a highly conservative state ideally suited to Mr Buchanan's personal campaigning. For all his momentum, and probable ability to attract money for a long primary season, it is unclear how he will perform in the diverse states now to come. In the past Mr Bush has shown resilience as well as ruthlessness under pressure. He has so far sought to remain above the fight, but will now have to mount a negative campaign, as he did in 1968. Mr Buchanan has made enough wild statements to be an inviting target.

The Democrats are not yet in a position to exploit Mr Bush's difficulties. They lack a clear alternative programme. The New Hampshire primary saw no front-runner emerging. Even though former Senator Paul Tsongas won, Governor Bill Climon did well enough as a strong second to leave the nomination open. Both still have to demonstrate whether they have a national appeal. Of the other contenders, Senators Bob Kerrey and Tom Harkin will try to fight back in more congenial states. And there

could still be late entrants. Mr Bush must not merely alter his tactics and sharpen his political appeal but also change his strategy, responding to the worries of ordinary Americans about the state of the economy. His administration wrongly forecast the end of recession last year. All it does now is predict an upturn later this year, and wrangle with a Congress dominated by Democrats over a tax and economic recovery programme. Mr Bush has shown no awareness so far of what Mr Buchanan calls a "full-fledged middle-American revolution."

Unlike John Major, Mr Bush still has time. There are already a few economic green shoots in America, for instance car sales and the housing market, and there are more than eight months to go before the November election. But there is a danger: that in the meantime Mr Bush will seek to defeat the conservative insurgents in his own party by gestures and actions towards protection and nationalism.

WRITS AT DAWN

The news disclosed opposite in the Times Diary that a duel was fought in 1959 by an Englishman upon a point of honour is more than a quaint survival. It has a relevant moral for today. Nobody was hurt except an Italian, who received a flesh wound on his sword arm: "It bled sufficiently for honour to be satisfied." By this simple ritual an imputation of national and personal cowardice was settled fast and with little pain. No armies went to war. No sanctions were imposed. Diplomatic relations were not broken off. The mafia was not involved - or so we understand. No lawyers received refreshers for dragging the case its dreary length before a libel court. There were no absurdly punitive damages, no towering Alps of costs. An Englishman's honour was satisfied, neatly and cheaply.

Duelling was made illegal in Western Europe because it had become a charter of convenience for bullies and bravoes. But before the duel was thus abused, it was seen as the civilised way of settling differences between individuals or nations. For David to kill Goliath of Gath produced a better butcher's bill for both sides than mutually assured destruction between Israelites and Philistines. The quivering conscripts knew it made sense for one man to die as a scapegoat for many. The Trojan war would have been finished early and economically by a duel between Meneläus and Paris, the aggrieved parties to the adultery case as well as their national champions. But just as Paris was on the point of losing, his patroness Aphrodite snatched him away from the field of honour into Helen's boudoir. Rivers of blood flowed because there was no penalty shoot-out to this score draw, and its only lasting benefit was that it inspired the first two masterpieces

of Western literature.

The judicial duel, or trial by battle, was introduced into England by William the Conqueror. It is displayed dramatically in action in the opening scene of Richard II, where Bolingbroke challenges the Duke of Norfolk. State duelling was not finally abolished until 1819. But freelance duelling continued surreptitiously and in the fictions of Thackeray, Browning and Trollope. Eminent British duellists have included a Duke of York, a pair of prime ministers, William Pitt the Younger and the Duke of Wellington, Byron, Charles James Fox, Castlereagh and Canning, and numerous eminent editors. Journalists were as vulnerable to the gauntlet as they now are to writs. These men were not thugs, but the brightest and best of their generations.

Duelling as a kind of wild justice survives in parts of South America. As recently as 1984 a former vice-president of Unuguay challenged a journalist to a duel for writing an article about him which he considered offensive. If duelling is to be reintroduced as a cheap and efficient form of alternative dispute resolution, a code of honour must be revived to regulate it. Persons under trial or challenge should be allowed, as they were in the old code, to appoint professional fighters

or "champions" to represent them. Such champions could be recruited from the professional sportsfield or ice-hockey rink. The Parc des Princes last Saturday offered a useful recruiting ground. Or perhaps it could be left to the lawyers, with swords rather than writs: a quick skirmish in Lincoln's Inn Fields at dawn, a gout of blood. all over in a flash with just one junior as a second. It would be cheaper by far, just as likely to produce a just outcome, and if the occasional lawyer were to be mortally wounded, well - . .

ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone 071-782 5000

Vital new role for Security Council

From Lord Gladwyn

Sir, As a drafter of the Charter of the United Nations I am delighted that it may now be used as originally intended, not only for, if possible, avoiding but also, if necessary, for ending any wars that may well nevertheless still break out in the future. The Security Council cannot deal with, e.g., the woes of the Third World or the poisoning of the atmosphere: other organisations exist for these problems. But it is potentially very important, and if the intentions therein expressed recently are ever to become reality the following steps must be taken without delay:

1. The new secretary general has started off well. but he must be as much an animator as an administrator, having fairly frequent re-course to article 99 of the charter whereby he can himself put a matter on the agenda of the Security Council. He must also persuade members of the United Nations, especially the United States, to pay up any subscriptions now in arrears amounting in all to no less than \$1.5

2. It will also be largely for him to get the military staff committee (dormant since 1946) at least to arrange under article 43 of the charter that those capable of doing so earmark forces which could immediately be made available to the Security Council on demand, as distinct from the recommendation (report, February 14) for the peacekeeping force in Yugoslavia.

3. Although there is no prospect at the present time of the Security Council agreeing to enlarge or change the number of its permanent members, there is no reason why the four or live states which, by reason of their size and importance, might eventually become such members should not join the military staff committee and take part in the discussion of its recommendations in the Security Council.

4. The permanent members should declare their intention of never using

their nuclear (nor, indeed, any chemical or biological) weapons on a first strike. There was in any case small prospect after the end of the Cold War of an invasion of Europe by the Soviet Union. There is none now that the latter has ceased to exist. And even if there were in the future it could obviously be held by "conventional" means, whereas employing nuclear weapons against another nuclear power - save of course, in retaliation - would risk something far worse even than defeat, namely national annihila-

5. At the same time the five powers should say that they would likewise expect any nation that might also come into possession of a nuclear weapon not to make use of it in any circumstances on a first strike. Were it to do so it would run the risk of similar action against it by the Security Council, whose activity would otherwise be directed to ending any conflict that might break out by non-nuclear means. Hence any nuclear weapon that might have been or that might be acquired by a hitherto non-nuclear power, whatever its value as a status-symbol, could in practice never be used and would therefore be both valueless and expensive as an acquisition.

6. At the same time the five powers should make it abundantly clear that they are taking immediate steps greatly to reduce their own nuclear firepower, first of all that of the US and of Russia, and eventually that of the three other powers as well. They might add that it is their firm intention so far as nuclear weapons are concerned to pursue the process to the end, when an acceptance by all states of a system of rigorous and controlled inspection by the Inter-national Atomic Energy Agency has resulted in the disappearance of these horrible weapons from the face. of the earth.

It was also Adams, not Franklin,

who was the first envoy of the United States to the Court of St James. As he was not accredited to the Crown, or

from the United States, neither was

Franklin "the representative of the

Franklin was the agent (to the Board of Trade) of the Pennsylvania

assembly, or rather of that party in

the province who wanted royal

government, not proprietary. Ironi-

cally, it was to extend royal govern-

ment in America, not to oppose it,

Yours faithfully, GLADWYN, House of Lords. February 17.

Adams, not Franklin.

Philadelphia assembly".

Franklin in London From Professor Stephen Saunders

Sir, One trusts that "The Friends of Benjamin Franklin" will not per-petuate, from his "genteel lodgings" at 16 Craven Street, WC2, the misinformation which they appear to have given to your reporter. "Franklin's memory kept alive". February 12).
Franklin is not widely credited

with having played the principal part dependence": nine tenths of the Declaration was the work of Thomas Jefferson and Franklin was one of five members of the committee which reviewed (and toned down) Jefferson's drafts. Jefferson's primary edi-

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN SAUNDERS WEBB, Syracuse University

Accounting standards

Sir, Your leading article (February 10) on the accountancy profession

mentions management accounting

and implies that "propriety" is not an

Management accountants, includ-

ing the finance director, do indeed

provide a service to the board which

concentrates on business efficiency.

Nevertheless, as members of this

institute they carry out their duties under a strict ethical code which is

Society naturally expects "brass

plate" professionals to act with propriety but there should be no

nference that the public expectations should be any less for other

professionals who are, in business

terms, often the first line of defence

that Franklin came to London.

(London Centre), 24 Kensington Park Gardens, W11. tor on the committee was John

From the Secretary of the

Management Accountants

Chartered Institute of

important concern to it.

enforced by the institute.

against malpractice.

Yours faithfully. GEORGE VALLINGS.

63 Portland Place, W1.

Secretary.
The Chartered Institute of

Management Accountants,

Women's vocation From the Rector of Lytchett

Macrayers

Sir, Clifford Longley (article, February 15) makes a good point about vocation, but fails to understand the position of women asking for their vocation to the priesthood to be tested. Women looking for a good career are unlikely to think in terms of entering the ranks of the Anglican clergy. Most of the women deacons I know are not campaigning for equal rights in a career, but are seeking to be obedient to a calling which does involve them in painful obedience, as they ask the Church to consider that

calling seriously.
If equal rights are involved in this equation, it is surely the right that any human being within a Christian community has to be taken seriously. No one has the right to ordination or to a career in the Church, but an individual who feels called to ordination does have a duty to obey that call and to ask the Church to consider it. Yours faithfully,

NIGEL LLOYD, The Rectory, Jennys' Lane, Lytchett Matravers, Poole, Dorset.

Rating appeals

From the Chief Executive, Valuation Office Agency

Sir, Mr Clive Brooke (letter, February. 12) comments on delays in non-domestic rating appeals. The rate at which appeals can be heard depends on many factors including the number of applications for adjournment made by appellants themselves.

By September 1990, 633,000 appeals had been lodged of which about 200,000 have now been senled, leaving the residue, plus new appeals to be disposed of. We plan to clear all the original appeals in the next two years. Dealing with case-work over a period in this way allows all concerned, including ratepayers' representatives, to manage the load. Preparation for the council tax is proceeding as planned. This work, together with work on non-domestic rating appeals is being fully funded in accordance with agreements between the Department of the Environment and the Valuation

Office Agency. Yours faithfully R. R. B. SHUTLER, Chief Executive. Valuation Office Agency, New Court, Carey Street, WC2.

Bombs away!

From Mr James Airy

Sir, Marcus Binney ("Come triendly bombs", Life & Times, February 12: letters, February 17) wasted time catching too many minnows in his net whilst trawling down the Thames for eyesores. Surely he should have caught the giant Canary Wharf, upon which he had quite illogically been lavishing praise a little earlier (Life & Times, January 28).

He now says "let us have a Bill protecting the other fine vistas in London, beginning with the nver". Where better to start than Greenwich Park with its outstandingly beautiful and historical group of

buildings set astride the meridian line beside the river? Canary Wharf is truly a monstrous intruder into such a priceless treasure as Greenwich. Yours faithfully.

JAMES AIRÝ. Up Somborne, Stockbridge, Hampshire. February 18.

February 17.

From Mr Keith Money

Sir. The argument about contenders for demolition should surely follow Mr Heseltine's example and focus first on the buildings that create the greatest disharmony in relation to area. On that scale, lumpen New Zealand House destroys an historic

150 Holmes Chapel Road. Somerford, Congleton, Cheshire. February 17.

conclusions voiced by the pathologist after the disaster fletter. February 15). Like him, we now always carry smoke hoods when we fly.

able for our protection.

responsibility to the public to contin-ually improve safety. I ask them to

Advertising tobacco

From Mrs Edwina Currie, MP for Derbyshire South (Conservative) Sir, Now that the European Parliament has voted to ban all tobacco advertising and sponsorship (report, February 12) it is time for the British government to reconsider its continued lovalty to the so-called "voluntary agreement" with the tobacco in-

Sir, Winston Fletcher ("Ifs. butts and

Prevention Group

Brussels", February 13) was being disingenuous in his arguments on the effects of tobacco advertising. To quote the effects of advertising on sales of petrol and cat food and other products where consumption de-pends on the possession of cars and cats is facile.

Television excellence From Mr Paddy Coulter

Sir, In the reports and correspondence (February 12) following David Plowright's departure from Granada Television we have seen perhaps insufficient mention of the company's outstanding contribution rowards broadcasting on inter-national affairs, which has won worldwide acclaim. This was very much due to the personal initiative of Mr Plowright and before him Sir Denis Forman.
Britain's leading aid and environ

ment bodies last summer gave public backing (letter, July 8, 1991) to Granada Television's bid to retain its ITV franchise on the basis of Granada's stated intention to continue these excellent series. It would be good to have a clear commitment that Granada's new management will maintain this pledged level of support.

Yours sincerely, PADDY COULTER (Director). International Broadcasting Trust. 2 Ferdinand Place, NW1.

skyline, viewed from almost every point of the compass and at distances of half a mile or more. Until that is gone, there is little point in arguing the merits of anything else within its ambit. Perhaps they could be persuaded to surrender a few floors, for cashii

Yours faithfully, KEITH MONEY, Carbrooke Hall Farm. Therford, Norfolk, February 18.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number (071) 782 5046.

Aircraft survivor's plea for safety

JOHN BEARDMORE.

From Mr R. A. Ledingham

Sir. Safety procedures for unplanned

evacuations should not be based on

the potential presence of the levels of

smoke and toxic furnes that claimed

so many lives in the Manchester

disaster. The fire-blocked foam now

used for aircraft seats has led to

significant reductions in the quantity

of fumes that can be produced in the

first minutes of an aircraft fire; but it

does not preclude the possibility of an

in-flight cabin fire eventually produc-

ing levels of smoke that could only be

survived by the use of passenger

for carrying passenger smoke hoods

for issue in such circumstances and

possibly prior to a planned emer-gency landing. Very considerable doubt remains, however, over the

wisdom of asking passengers to don

smoke hoods before every aircraft

will be lengthy and potentially

confusing to a cosmopolitan mixture

of passengers and individual don-

ning times will vary, introducing potential conflict between those wanting to exit and those still

donning masks. The first few sec-

onds of an evacuation allow the

fastest rate of passenger exit and it may well cost lives if the start of an

evacuation is even slightly delayed.

one of the purposes of its advertising

was to seek new recruits. It is up to

the tobacco industry to prove that

they can make smoking a particular

brand anractive without making

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL O'CONNOR, Director,

Sir, People tend to think that tobacco

addiction isn't that drastic - after

all, some people of my age are addicted to "hard" drugs. I am now

seventeen. I was unfortunate enough

to fall into the smoking trap at the

age of fifteen - I refuse to say "stupid

As a young teenager, I tried to

make intelligent judgments when

presented with ingenious and seduc-tive advertising. I made the wrong

choice when it came to smoking; but

which brand did I try? The one

whose name I knew best - from

The Coronary Prevention Group,

smoking attractive per se.

102 Gloucester Place, W1.

From Miss Tamsin Harris

trap to fall into.

advertising!

February 13.

Yours faithfully, TAMSIN HARRIS,

advocating the ban?

NORMAN HARRISON,

Brackley, Northamptonshire.

Yours faithfully,

February 13.

34 Banbury Road,

Lansdown, Bath, Avon.

From Mr Norman Harrison

Sir, If banning tobacco advertising is

as good for the tobacco industry as Mr Fletcher says ("in the first place they will make a great deal more profit...second..., third... and fourth...") why isn't the industry

Rose View, Hethe, Oxfordshire.

Yours faithfully, R. A. LEDINGHAM,

The instructions from cabin crew

A sound safety case can be made

as safety experts.

Yours faithfully.

Oakhurst,

smoke hoods.

evacuation.

listen to the views of survivors as well

From Mr John Beardmore

Sir. Together with my family. I was aboard the British Air Tours jet at Manchester airport on August 22, 1985, when 55 fellow passengers lost their lives due to the effects of smoke inhalation following an engine ex-plosion. In the light of that horrifying experience, I readily endorse the who analysed the official findings

No one should have died that morning. What we needed was additional time and the opportunity for an orderly evacuation through the dense smoke. Passageways quickly became blocked with the sheer weight of numbers and passengers were trapped in the cabin with nowhere to go as a curtain of black, toxic smoke engulfed them. There was time to put on safety equipment, there was time to don smoke hoods but nothing was avail-

I strongly believe that an interim solution is vital and fully support the Air Accident Investigation Branch recommendations to install smoke hoods, which they made following the Manchester accident. Modernstyle smoke hoods should be installed on all UK registered aircraft, without further delay.

We continually hear the negative arguments regarding passenger safety equipment, the same arguments that were used to delay the introduction of car seat belts. There is always a risk that passengers will die wearing safety equipment, but the question is, how many more people will survive?

The British Safety Council has a

A recent government publication, The Health of the Nation, announced a target by the year 2005 of reducing the proportion of cigarette smokers in this country from one in three to one in four, or possibly even further. If ministers are really serious, they should stop being squea-mish and drop their opposition to the

European Commission's proposals. Banning advertisements by law is hardly new to the United Kingdom: thirty years ago a Tory government banned cigarette advertisements from television, while more recently cigar and tobacco advertising also disappeared from television under an EC directive. A ban should now find its way onto ministerial agendas, and the sooner the better.

Yours sincerely, EDWINA CURRIE, House of Commons. February 12.

From the Director of the Coronary

No other industry in the world that was reaching only 30 per cent of its potential market would deny that

Whites of their eyes

From Mr John Murray

Sir. Squadron Leader Childs (letter, February 14) should find himself a more exclusive supplier of eggs. Alice, my Buff Orpington, has been laying fine white eggs steadily since the new year. There is a hint of pink in them; ideal, I would have thought, for painting for Easter.

Yours faithfully, JOHN MURRAY, 45 Grove Way, Esher, Surrey.

Dandy diaries

From Mr Graham Fathers

Sir, I am obliged to direct your anention to a misrepresentation of characters whose exploits are woven into the fabric of Western civilisa-

Craig Brown (" ... and moreover". February 18) makes reference to a diary entry that has Tony Benn reading The Beano on April 8, 1934. This seminal publication first appeared on July 30, 1938, and did not at that stage feature the exploits of the as yet unborn Dennis the Menace. Desperate Dan and Keyhole Kate allowed their activities to be recorded in The Dandy - and from its first edition on December 4, 1937. It would therefore appear that Mr Brown has been gulled and that your great newspaper has fallen prey to a sinister conspiracy. These latest Tony Benn diaries are clearly fore-

Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM FATHERS.

Westfield, Stonehill Road, Headley Down, Hampshire

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 19: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Viscount Long. Lord in Waiting, at the Requiem Mass for Monsieur Emmanuel de Margerie, formerly French Ambassador to the Court of St James's, which was held in the Church of Notre Dame de France, Leicester Place, London WCJ. today.

CLARENCE HOUSE February 19: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception at Spencer House given on behalf of

The Lady Margaret Colville und Sir Alistair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 19: The Prince of Wales arrived at Royal Air Force Lyncham this evening from a visit to Oman, India and Nepal. Mr Peter Westmacou and Surgeon Captain Ian Jenkins, RN.

en in attendance The Princess of Wales anended a Reception to celebrate the Royal Society for the Prevention of Academs' Seventy Fifth Anniver-sary at Guildhall. London EC2. Miss Alexandra Loyd and Wing Commander David Barton. RAF, were in attendance.

sented by Mr Gerald Ward at the Requiem Mass for Monsieur Emmanuel de Margeric, formerly French Ambassador to the Court of St James's, which was held in the Church of Notre Dame de France, Leicester Place, London WC2 today.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 18: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present at a dinner given by the Egyptian Ambassador (His Ex-cellency Mohamed Shaker) and Mrs Mohamed Shaker at 75 South Audley Street, London W1. Major Nicholas Barne and Miss Suzanne Marland were in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE February 19: The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Captain the Hon Tom Coke at Requiem Mass for Monsieur Emmanuel de Margerie which was held in the Church of Notre Dame de France, Leicester Place,

Luncheons

HM Government The Hon Douglas Hurd, Sec-retary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd held a farewell luncheon yesterday at I Carlton Gardens in honour of the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia and Mme Sawsan Almandour.

German Chamber of Industry and Commerce The Prime Minister of Bavaria was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce in the UK held yesterday at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Sir Frank Roberts presided. The German Ambas-sador and the Lord Mayor of Westminster were among the

Ludgrove

The Centenary Old Boys' Day is to be held at the school on Sunday, June 28. Old Boys who would like more information should write to The Headmasters. Ludgrove, Wokingham, Berk-shire, RG II 3AB.

Birthdays today

London WC2, today.

Mr Robert Altman, film director 67; the Right Rev George Apple-ton, former Archbishop in Jerusalem, 90; Dame Mary Durack, novelist and historian, 79; Miss Ruth Gipps, conductor and com-poser, 71: Mr Jimmy Greaves, broadcaster and footballer, 52; Mr Eddie Hemmings, cricketer, 43: Sir Owaln Jenkins, company director, R5: Commandant Dame director, 85: Commandant Dame
Marion Kentlewell, former director, WRNS, 78: Mr Mike Leigh,
dramatist and director, 49:
Professor Donald Longmore, caudiac surgeon, 64: Miss Ella
Maillart, explorer, 89: Professor
Sir William Mansfield Cooper,
former vice-chancellor of former vice-chancellor of Manchester University, 89; Dame Mona Mitchell, Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Alexandra, 54: Mr Phil Neal, footballer, 41; Mr David O'Dowd, chief con-stable, Northamptonshire, 50; Sir static, Norman ponsine, 30; 516
Frederick Page, former chairman, Alreraft Group, British
Aerospace, 75; Dr Valerie Payne,
headmistress, Maivern Girls'
College, 52; Mr Sidney Politer,
actor, 65; Vice-Admiral Sir Campan, Bushu, 64; Penfessor, B.A. eron Rusby, 66; Professor R.A. Weiss, former director, Institute of Cancer Research, 52; Lady

DEATHS



Miss Anne McIntosh. Conservative Euro-MP for North-East Essex, has announced her engagement to Mr John Harvey, a director of Gatwick-based Delta Air. The couple, who met at a dinner party in the Savoy hotel in London last year, plan to marry in the summer-

Dinners

English Heritage Lord Montagu of Beaulieu and English Heritage gave a dinner at Kenwood House last night to mark Lord Montagu's retirement as the first Chairman of English Heritage. The other speakers were Mr Jocelyn Stevens, chairman-designate, the Duke of Grafton, President of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment. Among those

the Edvironment. Among those present were the Earl of Sheiburne, Viscountess Cobham, Lady Montago of Beasiles, Baroness Bitch, Lord Ghaite of Rodine, Baroness Bitch, Lord Charteris of Amistield, Lord Crahenne, Lord Sight of Fawsiey, Lord Ranchimpon of Inlington. QC. Lord Moyne, Lord Falumbo, Baroness Park of Monroeuth, Maroness Hollis of Heigham, Lord Renfray of Kalmsthorn. Restrew of Raimsthorn.

The Mon Nicholes Ridley, MP, Mm Michael Heerine, Sir George Young, MP, Sir Marcus Worsley, Sir Traemon Helser, Sir Geoffry Leigh, Sir Peter Wakeffeld, Sir David Wilson, Sir Peter Wakeffeld, Sir David Wilson, Sir Arthur Drew, Dame Jennifer Jenkins, Mr Patrick Cormade, MP, Mr Andrew Stulde, MF, Mr Ginham C Cresme, Mr George Levy, Dr Ron Bruntelli, Mr Martin Chros. Mr Alexander Chan-

Institute of Petroleum Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Transport, and the Hon David Gore-Booth, Assistant Under-Secretary of State (Middle East), Foreign and Commonwealth Office, were the guests of honour and speakers at the annual dinner of the Institute of Petroleum held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Basil Butler, president of the institute, presided.

ındati Technology Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and me roundation for Science and Techhology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last, night at the Royal Society. Ms Mary Curnock Cook, Mr David Roberts, Mr John North and Md rts, Mr John North and Mr

Andy Wilson were the speakers Andy Wilson were the speakers.

Among others present were:

The Earl of Selborne, Lady Butterworth,
Baroness Carnegy of Lour, Baroness
Elliot of Harwood, Baroness EwarnBiggs, Lord Praser of Kilmorack, Lady
Kennet, Baroness Plant of Writtle,
Baroness Robson of Kiddington, Baroness White, Bar Derek Barber, SirAustin Bide, Sir Alastair and Lady
Pilkington, Sir John Quicke, Sir Teres,
Steet, MP, Mr Tanz Dalyell, MP, Mr Ian
Orist, MP, and Mr Jerry Wiggin, MP.

London Goodenough Trest for Overseas Graduates Mr Alastair Robinson. a Governor of the London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates, and Mr David Emms, director, received the guests at the annual accountancy, banking and business faculty dinner for graduates of London House and William Goodenough House held last night at Mecklenburgh Square. Among those present were: Among mose present were.
The Canadian Ambassador and Mr.
Eston, Lord and Lady Benson, Lord
dactehose of Beoch, Lord and Lady
Fernanck, the vice if and lars Remuser,
Sir Michel Chine and Miss Remuser,
Sir Michel Chine and Miss Roma
Nicholson, MP, Sir John and Lady
Prevedl, Sir Alexander and Lady
Genham, Sir Peter and Lady Lettle, Sir

Antony those present water Lord Broke, Lord Broke, Lord Cockfield Baroness Devid, Lord Encats, Lord Errars, Lord Errars, Lord Ferton, Lord Reason, Baroness Seea, Baroness Seroa, Lord Swinter, Baroness Turper and Lord Vantey.

Reception Corneration of London The Princess of Wales attended reception given by the Corpora-tion of London last night at Guildhall to mark the 75th anniversary of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. The Lord Mayor and Lord Keith of Castleacre, president of the society, were the speakers.

Jack and Lady Rampson, Sir Roben and Lady Wade-Geny, Mrs A L Robinson, Mr and Mrs J R Chider, Mr G S P Carden, Mr C Harris, Mr and Mrs A D Lochnis, Mr and Mrs I R McNell, Mr G M W Owen and Mrs I R McNell, Mr G M W

Lord Kearton, of Whitchurch, was host at a dinner at the House

of Lords last night on behalf of the Chartered Institute of Manage-ment Accountants (CIMA). Among those present were:

Forthcoming

between Alasdair Harwood eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.H.M. Gregorie. of Billingford. Norfolk. and Tessa Virginia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.A. Hamilton-Shaw, of Burnham Deepdale, Norfolk.

Mr I.R. Hawains

and Miss M.C. Larcombe
The engagement is announced between ian, son of Mr and Mrs R. Hawkins, of Dorking, Surrey, and Miranda, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Larcombe. Farnham

Nicola, daughter of Ian Lipton, of Hampstead, and Mrs Leslie Berg, of Regent's Park.

and Miss F.E. Knight
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Sir John and Lady Loveridge, of Bindon Manor. Axmouth. Devon. and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Knight, of Ashe, Hampshire.

Mr A.C. Marsden and Miss H.E. Dimm

Mr N.G.L. Marsh and Miss J.E. Shorney The engagement is announced between Nick, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.N. Marsh, of Winson, Gioucestershire, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Shomey, of Linkton Drew, Willshire.

Royal Over-Seas League Mr Tim Heald was the speaker at a lecture held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St Jamers, the fourth in the 1991-92 series of literary lectures presented by the Royal Over-Seas League in associ-ation with Book Trust, the Royal Society of Literature, the Society of Authors and the Library Association. Mr Ion Trewin presided.

marriages

Mr R.H.F. Fuller

and Miss C. Swetenham The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late Mr and Mrs E.H.F. Fuller, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Swetenham, of Rayne.

Mr A.H. Gregorie and Miss T.V. Hamilton-Shaw

The engagement is announced

Mr B. Kern and Miss N.W. Lipton The forthcoming marriage is announced between Ben, eldest son of Edward and Jean Keen, of Christchurch, Dorset, and Nicola daughter of Ing Lipton of

Mr M.W. Loveridge

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Professor Charles David Marsden, of Ash. Kent. and Mrs Jill Slaney Marsden, of Beckenham, Kent, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Fredrick Gordon Dixon, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Lecture

Mr R.P.S. Miller

The engagement is announced between Robin, third son of Mr and Mrs Peter Miller, of Lilayi Farm. Zambia. and Virginia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Huben Bond, of Canworthy Water, Cornwall.

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Mr M.F. Mitchell

and Miss CJ. Ruddle The engagement is announced between Finley, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Mitchell. of Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr Tony Ruddle, of Leesthorpe, Leicestershire, and Mrs Elizabeth Ruddle, of Woburn Sands, Buckinghamshire.

Mr C.J.A. Penney and Miss A.J. Maxwell

The engagement is announced between James, son of the Revd and Mrs W.A. Penney, of Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls, Elstree, and Alice, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Maxwell, of Brantham, Suffolk,

Mr D.J. Price and Miss N.R. Cohen

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Lionel Price, and Nicole. daughter of Mr and Mrs Neville

Mr T.J. Pritchard-Barrett and Miss R.M. Forbes

The engagement is announced between Timothy John, eldest son. of Mr and Mrs J.D. Prichard-Barnett, of Kelsale, Suffolk, and Rosanna Mary, younger daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs W.F.E. Forbes, of Garguinock,

Mr P.K. Webb

Mr P.K. Webb and Miss D.B. Howes The engagement is announced between Kelvin, son of the late Mr and Mrs A.E. Webb, of Albury, Hertfordshire, and Duvina, daughter of Mrs D.C. Howes and the late Mr D.C. Howes, of Ebbesbourne Wake, Willshire.

Mr J. White and Miss C. Walton The engagement is announced between John White, of Tylens Green, Buckinghumshire, and Carolyn, daughter of the lute Professor G.W. Walton and of Mrs E. Walton, of Burford.

The Edron Academy,

Mexico City Dr Peter Travers. Chair of Geography and Deputy Senior Tutor at Homerton College, Cambridge, has been appointed Headmaster of the Edron Academy (El Colegio Británico'), Mexico City, with effect from September,

You know the generosity of our Lord Jesus Christ: he was rich, yol for your sake he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8 · 9 (REB)

DIRTHS DINGLE - On February 17th. al Portamouth, to Susan (nee Bucknell) and Jonathan, a daughter, Harriet Rose, a sin-ter for Emily and Joanna. DUNCAN - On January 4th in Hong Kong, to Mandy ince Hong Kong, to Mandy ince Kwani and Miles, a daughter, Clare Alexandra Mary, a sis

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BUSHELL - On February
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(a) A fuguelike composition, an elaborate fugue, from the Italian verb with the same suggestion as the English "research" and the French recherché. Bach sent an acrostic Ricercar to Frederick the Great. Regis lussu Cantio Et Reliqua Canonica Arte Resoluta. NIPPERKIN

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(b) A measure or vessel of small capacity used for liquors, containing half a pint or less, perhaps from MDutch appellan, the name of a game.

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OBITUARIES

CAPTAIN DESMOND VINCENT-JONES

Captain Desmond Vincent-Jones. DSC and Bar, wartime Fleet Air Arm observer, died on February 9 aged 79. He was born on February 13, 1912.

DESMOND Vincent-Jones was one of that small band of Fleet Air Arm observers who had the thankless task of guiding outdated single-engined dive-bombers in raids on German ships and installations in Norway in the aftermath of the German invasion in April 1940. As navigator, he spent much of the early part of the war in the back seats of vastly outnumbered and outperformed naval fighters. This including some unenviable duels against Messerschmitt 109s over the Dunkirk perimeter. Nevertheless he emerged uninjured. Later on in the war he had a spell flying off one of the hastily-constructed "Woolworth" aircraft carriers during crucial months of the Battle of the Atlantic.

After being educated at Beacon School, Crowborough, he went to the Royal Naval College, Dart-mouth, becoming a naval cadet in 1929. His first sea service was in the banlecruiser Renown. With interruptions for courses in Britain, Vincent-Jones served for much of the 1930s with the America and West Indies Squadron, including a spell in the heavy cruiser Norfolk, flag-ship of the formidably-named Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Plunkett-

Ernle-Erle-Drax.
When, in 1938, the Admiralty began to expand the Fleet Air Arm, Vincent-Jones volunteered as an observer and, after training, joined the aircraft carrier Ark Royal at the end of the year, flying from her throughout 1939. In February 1940 he became senior observer of 806 Squadron, based at Haiston, Orkney, and commanded by Lieuten-ant-Commander Charles "Crash" Evans, a man of fiery beard and



The unit flew Blackburn Skuas, obsolete fighter/dive bombers. In April 1940 Skuas from Hatston had sunk the German cruiser Königsberg in Bergen harbour, thus becoming the first aircraft to sink a major warship in the war. This fourhour round trip was the extreme limit of the Skua's fuel but the

success of the raid meant that repeat orders followed and 806 carried out several of these hair-raising sorties, some of the Skuas running out of

fuel as they landed. Vincent-Jones, who flew often with his CO, received the DSC for his part in these attacks before the squadron was summoned south to.

H. C. Whalley-Tooker, for-

mer director of studies in

law at Cambridge Univer-sity and emeritus fellow of

Downing College, died on

January 16 aged 91. He was born on September 1. 1900.

FOR many years H. C. Whal-

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nemly fined him. As director

of studies in law his pupils

included such distinguished

men as Sir Robert Jennings.

Professor Clive Parry. Lord

Goodman, Professor J. C.

Smith and Professor D. W.

Bowell. For more than 64

years he was a fellow and

latterly emeritus fellow of

Downing College, Cam-

bridge. Hyde Charnock Whalley-

Tunker was a member of a

Hampshire family which

owned lands adjacent to Broadhalfpenny Down, re-garded as the cradle of Eng-

lish cricket, where the

Hambledon Cricket Club

played from the eighteenth

century. His father was cap-

tain of that club for 44 years.

He had ancestral links with

Sir Nicholas Hyde, chief jus-

tice of the King's bench, 1027-31, and with Hyde's

nephew. Edward Hyde, Earl

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help cover the Dunkirk evacuation. Many of the Skua crews only just escaped with their lives as vastlysuperior German fighters chased them across the Channel.

The squadron re-equipped with the Fairey Fulmar, the new two-seat fighter which, although an improvement on the Skua, was still far slower than most of its opposition. No 806 took its Fulmars aboard the new carrier Illustrious and joined the Mediterranean Fleet. Despite the limitations of their aeroplanes 806 shot down over 20 enemy aircraft in the next few months, as well as flying diversionary raids during the attack on Taranto by 21 of the carrier's Swordlish aircraft in Nov-

A few weeks later the Illustrious came under heavy attack from Stukas. As the squadron raced to get airborne Vincent-Jones's pilot was forced to swerve around another Pulmar whose engine would not start and they took off just before a stick of bombs struck the flight deck. The stationary Fulmar was obliterated and the Illustrious was so badly damaged that her fighters had to land in Malta.

In the early part of 1941 806 Squadron flew in the defence of both Malta and Crete. Any fighter, no matter how outclassed, was pressed into action and Vincent-Jones participated in at least seven combat victories by a variety of pilots. On one sortie he was dragged from the bath and flew in jacket, trousers, flying helmet and towel. On another his pilot shot down a Juse whose gunner nevertheless succeeded in stopping the Fulmar's engine with an accurate burst before he went down himself. Both aircraft disched in the sea a few hundred yards apart. The British crew were annoyed that the Germans' dinghy worked while their own did not. Fortunately they were picked up by

the destroyer Hereward. Charles Evans was taken ill during this period and Desmond Vincent-Jones commanded the squadron for three months. The Bar to his DSC was awarded for his work in these hard pressed times in the Mediterranean.

In October 1941 he was posted to HMS Archer, one of the new "Woolworth" escort carriers which had been rapidly built in American yards on already constructed merchant ship hulls when the demand for carriers became so acute during the darkest months of the battle against the U-boats. Although they carried far fewer aircraft than the standard fleet carrier they nevertheless provided air cover for the convoys which was to prove decisive in the battle, as it greatly augmented the effective range of the surface escons in their efforts to track and bring to bay the German subma-

HMS Archer, as it happened, was commanded by J. I. Robertson, formerly executive officer of the Illustrious. After two years of convoy escort duties Vincent-Jones was finally in Britain long enough to be invested with his DSC and Bar, which he received in December 1943, three and a half years after the first award.

He completed the war with a period as Fleet Air Arm liaison officer first to Western Approaches Command and then in the air war fare training division. He then served in the new light fleet carrier Theseus, before another spell in the Admiralty. He attended staff col-leges in both Britain and the US, and, having been promoted captain in December 1954, commanded the Naval Air Station at Culdrose in Cornwall, followed by a spell of two years as the naval and military attaché in Buenos Aires. His last two appointments were as Director Naval Air Warfare, 1960-61, and Director Naval Air Division, 1961-64, when he retired. Vincent-Jones is survived by his wife, Jacqueline, and their two daughters.

JOSÉ LLANOS

José Maria Lianos, SJ. Spain's best known worker priest, died on February 10 aged 85. He was born in Madrid on April 26, 1906.

THE son of a general, a chemist by education, and a chaplain of the Falangist youth movement who conducted spiritual exercises for General Franco, Jose Maria Llanos one day put all that behind him and became as quick to make the elenchedfist salute as the sign of the

in 1955, 16 years after being ordained a Jesuit priest in Granada, he took a decision which shaped his life and moved into a shantyrown on the southern edge of Madrid populated by destitute farmlabourers and their families who had migrated to the capital in the hope of finding

Padre Llanos, as he soon became known to all, not only lived with them, he lived like them, traipsing through mud or dust to call on them in the tin and cardboard huts which they called home. He not only fought for them, he fought alongside them, making his chapel a refuge for fuglifies from the Franco regime. He organised educational pro-

grammes, helped his neighbours to find jobs, to build better dwellings, and above all to maintain their selfresduct.

Aligning himself with the dispossessed. Padre Llanos joined the Spanish Communist Party and became one of the founders of the then illegal trade union organisation. Workers' Commissions. He shared the persecution they suffered under Franco. He remained as poor as his charges — in fact, poorer at his death, by which time his 36 years of sacrifice had borne fruit and his "parishio-ners," including a fair number of atheists, agnostics and apostates, were living in modern flats. A month before his death, Padre Llanos distributed his few earthly possessions among close friends: awards he had been given. books and other objects of

negligible material value. He made occasional mistakes, as all of us do, but I'm convinced that his every effort was made with the best intentions and he always tried to be a faithful member of the church, although some of its members never understood him," said Cardinal Vicente Enrique y Tarancón.

APPRECIATIONS

Angela Carter

MAY I add a footnote to your obituary of Angela Carter (February 17). I was fortu-nate to direct all Angela's radio plays. It was an ideal medium for the "world of myth, dream and fairy-tale." We first worked together on

an original gothic tale for radio, Vampirella, in 1976. She went on to write a portrait of the minaturist Richard Dadd, Come Unto These Yellow Sands (1979). for which she won a Sony Radio Award. Here she literally brought to life the tiny figures in Dadd's paintings. The Company of Wolves (1980, prior to the film) and Puss in Boots were based on her short stories. It was to Angela that I instinctively turned when asked to make a programme about Ronald Firbank. She devised a part biography,



and his work, A Self-Made Man (1983), which was a model of its type.

Angela had an enormous

sense of fun which bubbled through a natural shyness and irradiated everything she did. Working with her was life-enhancing.

Givn Dearman

Lord Southesk

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YOUR obituary of Lord Southesk (February 18) told not only of the attention he gave to the smallest detail of running his estate but that he drove to do his Christmas shopping at the age of 98. It brought back a childhood memory of once going with him to buy presents for the Christmas tree which was the centrepiece of the party which the Southesks gave each year at Kinnaird for the children of tenants and estate workers.

The imposing figure of Lord Southesk strode Into Woolworths and placed on the counter, in the middle of the display, an ancient but immaculate crocodile skin suitcase emblazoned with a gold coronet. He opened the empty case saying: "Now! We need 31 small toys - nothing over 3 nence."

Forty years later I can still see the expression on the face of the girl behind that counter.

Frances Manson

younger days with his father at Hambledon and was a ley-Tooker had the responsikeen golfer. bility for introducing Throughout his long period

senior treasurer of the col-

lege's Amalgamation Club in

which role he guided and

advised undergraduates in

the running of the main

sporting and cultural dubs of

the college. He enjoyed play-ing cricket himself in his

shifted the emphasis of the college from providing arr designers for industry, Baker had been educated at the Royal College (1927-31) where he was an outstanding student. The award of a Rome scholarship in painting (1933) allowed him to travel widely. His admiration for the work of the Renaissance masters convinced him of the need for a firm technical foundation in draw-

ing and historical tradition.

Professor Robert William

Baker, ceramicist, died on

February 12 aged 82. He

was born on February 18,

ROBERT "Bobby" Baker

was the first professor of ce-

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The supersenting of ALEA FLEE

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He believed that this was the key to successful design for. industry. Employed first as a teacher at Wimbledon School of Art, he quickly became skilled in ponery, building his own kiln. The ponery that his students produced brought Baker to the attention of government. The Industrial quality of the ware contrasted with the work of craft potters like Bernard Leach and Wil-

liam Staite Murray and was

regarded as more relevant to the needs of industry. From this time Baker became a key adviser on art education. After war work with the Rural Industries Bureau the first real opportunity to test his ideas came with his appointment as superintendent of art instruction for Stoke on Trent in 1945. It was a



PROFESSOR ROBERT BAKER

difficult time for Baker. He was largely frustrated by a penny-pinching city council and an industry used to making impractical demands on the local art schools. His handling of these problems won him respect from powerful figures in the industry, however. Josiah Wedgwood, chairman of both the pottery Im and the board of governors at the Royal College recommended Baker in 1948 for the newly created chair of

Baker arrived at the college at a time when it was teetering on the brink of extinction. with severe criticism for its failure to serve industry. The government's answer had been to appoint the radical and fiery Robin (later Sir Robin) Darwin as rector. Under Darwin's direction. Baker realised what he had been unable to achieve at Stoke. The new pottery department was the most advanced of its kind in Europe. Through his understanding of industry. Baker designed

the workshops as if they were

ceramics.

part of a factory, employing technicians from Stoke and pursuing a policy of grounding each student in industrial technique and tradition. Baker prided himself on training students for the needs of particular firms, thereby ensuring employment when they

Under Baker's guidance students at the college were expected to make exhaustive studies of historical examples. often from the ceramics collections at the Victoria & Albert Museum, and to copy them exactly. Admitting that students protested, he remained convinced of the need for technique and tradition in the training of the designer.

Baker remained professor until 1959, drawing national and international admiration for his work in providing ceramic designers, and in research for industry. His greatest legacy was the work of his students, with names such as Colin Melbourne (Royal Doulton), Robert Minkin (Wedgwood) and Kathleen Hills (Royal Worcester) dominating ceramic design in Britain during the post-war period.

Baker was succeeded at the Royal College by David, Lord Queensberry. Disillusioned with changes which shifted the Royal College away from industry once again, he became design director at Royal Worcester. After his retirement he became a technical adviser to a number of heritage projects, most notably working on the restoration of the tiled floors at Winchester and Worcester cathedrals. His wife, Eve, predeceased him, and he is survived by a

son and daughter.



H. C. WHALLEY-TOOKER

tripos and proceeding to the LLM degree, he moved to Oxford, following a period of schoolmastering, to read history at Balliol. He returned to Cambridge to take up a fellowship at Downing College in 1927 and to assume the offices of dean and junior

At that time Downing was a small college. As a young Cambridge don. Whalley-Tooker, or W-T as he was universally known, lived in college for some years in the East Lodge and quickly became involved in all aspects of college life. In 1931 he succeeded J. H. Widdicombe as senior tutor, a post he held

He was just old enough to failing courtesy. His style is epitomised by his response to a tutorial pupil who informed him that he had been awarded an omega for an essay; he calmly suggested: "Why don't you try working up the alpha-

bet?" For 17 years he was

tRoyal College of Physicians, All Commodore N H James (Principal Dental Officer, RAF Support Com

as a fellow and member of the governing body until his reand calm integrity commanded the loyalty of all. That he remained fully in the confidence of the governing body of the coilege and of the late Dr F. R. Leavis at a time when relations between Downing and Leavis were

strained is eloquent testimony to his qualities. He coupled his college work with work in the university where he lectured in law from 1931 until 1967. His lectures on the history of the constitutional law of England and on Roman law as a European heritage were a model of clarity and sound judgement. He loaned a portrait of his

until 1947. His pupils remember with gratitude and affection his practical advice, kindly common sense, efficiency and un-

In recent years when in retirement W-T continued to take an active interest in the

as a member of the council of senate, the general board of the faculties and of the faculty board of law.

activities of Downing and of the law faculty. Whalley-Tooker married Frances Halsted in 1935. She died in 1987. They had

ancestor, Sir Nicholas Hyde,

to the law faculty where it hangs in the Squire library.

He also served for some years

one daughter who survives

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Honoré Daumier, art-

Ballet Rambert, 1888. DEATHS: James I of Scotland, reigned 1406-37, murdered, Perth, 1437; Mrs Elizabeth Rowe, poet, Frome, Somerset, 1737; Joseph Hume, social reformer, Burnely Hall, Norfolk,

Today's royal

The Princess of Wales will visit Ty

Latest wills Lord Lock, of Westbury, Wilt-

Mr Rowland Austin Smith, of Swinhope, Lincolnshire, left es-tate valued at £9,711,642 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

to the King the achievement of a great enterprise. The fact that his position as Sovereign-Founder has depended for its

FEB 20 ON THIS DAY 1908 confirmation and support

The last three decades of the nineteenth century saw the

European powers engaged in an unholy scramble to colonise Africa. In 1885 Leopold II of Belgium claimed the Congo as his personal property and for the next 23 years ruled it with brute force.

Following an internatio protest he was compelled to cede power to the Belgian overnment. In 1960 Belgian Congo was declared independent, finally becoming the Republic of Zaire in 1971.

BELGIUM AND THE CONGO

In view of the fact that the Congo question will shortly be brought into renewed prom-inence both in England and in Belgium, it seems desirable that English readers should have before them in a con-nected form the chief considerations necessary for forming a useful opinion on the subject. First, it is essential to realise

the difference between the Belgian and the English points of view, and to do that one must bear in mind the following obvious though often forgotten facts. England has been for centuries a colonial Power. Belgium has yet to become Hitherto, of course, the

Congo has been a "one-man show". It was King Leopold alone who originally supplied the initiative, found the men, and provided the cash. But for the King, the Belgium people would never have dreamed of a West African Empire. (Many of them dream of it now only as a nightmare.) If it is true that the King now owes to Belgium most of the men and certain millions of the money, it is equally true that Belgium owes

upon England and the other Powers cannot degract from the But as to the way in which he

has done the work there is, unfortunately, ample room for riticism. For years the world has been harrowed by stories of been preached which seems This crusade, marked though exaggeration characteristic of such movements, has at all events succeeded in awaking assertions were confirmed by the report of the Belgian Commission of Inquiry which was appointed as a result of its aguation. That report, suppressed as long as possible by the Free State authorities, published at last without the evidence, and never quoted now without the omission of all the adverse findings, showed irrefutably the smister character of the Congo regime - at all events in the matter of the exploitation of the rubber forests. For it must be remembered that part only of the Congo produces rubber, and where there is no rubber there have been few or no complaints.

At the time when the Commission reported (November, 1905) the Congo was for the ordinary Belgian something altogether unworthy of attention. It was, in the first place, a country to which, 100 often, were shipped off the waster and the undesirable, in the hope that, if they survived the cli-mate, they might in some mysterious way "make a bit". and, returning, be less of an incubus upon their families.

Gradually, however, the reform movement gathered strength, until the debates in the Chamber of last winter. culminating in a unanimous vote, showed that the Belgian Parliament, so long submissive to the absolutism of the Sov-ereign-founder, had determined to take the matter into its own hands...

Appointments Latest appointments include:

Mr David Evans, Director of Information Technology with the Property Services Agency, to be the first Chief Executive of he Department of Transport's Information Technology exec utive agency. Baroness Brigstocke to be a

member of the Museums and Galleries Commission. Ms Marilynne Morgan to be Solicitor and Legal Adviser, Department of the Environment, from May, on the retirement of

Legal Mr Arthur William Edge Wheeler to be a Social Security Mr I. D. Burnett, Mr R. Drabble, Mr C. Katkowski and Mr R. McManus to be Junior Counsel to

Mr Michael Ware, QC.

the Crown, Common Law. Mr M. Cunningham and Mr S. Moverley Smith to be Junior Counsel to the Crown, Chancery. Mr M. S. Gill, Mrs Melanie Hall, Mr J. Hobson, Miss A. Robinson, Mr M. Shaw, Mr R. Singh and Mr D.A. Smith to be members of the Supplementary Panel of Counsel, Common Law.

Sir Patrick Hamilton

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Patrick Hamilton, Bt, will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, March 17, at 2.30pm.

Memorial services M Emmanuel de Margerie

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Viscount Long at a requiem Mass for Monsieur Emmanuel de Margene celebrated yesterday at Noire Dame de France, Leicester Place, by Père Jacques Coupet. The Prince of Wales was represented by Mr Gerald Ward, the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Captain the Hon Tom Coke and Prince Michael of Kent by Colonel Michael Farmer.

Père Coupet read the lesson and M Bernard Dorin, French Ambassasor, gave an address. Mit Anthony Figgis, Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, and Mr Michael H. Jay, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, attended. Among others present were:

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Ratherine Giles, Mr and the Hon Mrs E. Brudenell, Mr Percy Griefe, QC, Mr J A. Floyd and Mr Michael Jay. Air Marshal Sir Nigel Mills

A service of thankspiving for the life and work of Air Marshal Sir Nigel Mills was held yesterday at Si Clement Danes, Strand. The Ven B H Lucas. Chaplain-in-Chief, RAF, officiated, assisted by Canon HJ. Stuart and the Rev A.T.R. Goode.

Air Vice-Marshal J.M. Brook and Mr John de B. Maclaren Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans read High Flight by the Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee, Air Vice-Marshal M.F. Moran gave an address. Among others present

Lady Milis (widow), Mr and Mrs Paul Ritchen, Mr and Mrs Mark Shull and Mr and Mrs and Mrs Shull and Mr and Mrs Gordon Hunter (son-in-law and daughters), Lady (Gorgel Milis (mother), Mr and Mrs Derek Milis (brother and sisteria-law), Mrs John Milcham (sister), Mrs Hidda Butler (mother-in-law), Mr and Mrs Elchard Milis, Art Marshal's Ir Roy and Lady Austen-Solith, Major-General and Mrs T R Kay, Mr and Mrs Richard Brysnil.

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Mr Maurice Berkeley

A memorial service for Mr-Maurice Berkeles was held vesterday in Lincoln's Inn Chapel. The Rev Felix Boyse officiated. Mr Michael Corkery. QC. treasurer, read the lesson and Mr Frederic G. Berkeley, brother, gave an Mr John Beckett A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr John Beckett was held vesterday at the Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great West

Smithfield. The Rev David Lawson officiated and Charles Baker . grandson, read the lesson. Sir Terence Beckett read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and Mr Paul Williamson read Hymn 290 from Songs of Praise. Mr Geoffrey Mulcahy. Chairman and Chief Executive of Kingfisher, and Mr Peter Phelan gave addresses.

ist. Marseilles, 1808; Georges Bernanos, novelist, Paris, 1888; Dame Marie Rambert, founder,

1855; Robert Peary. Arctic ex-plorer. Washington, 1920; Sir Leonard Woolley. archaeologist, London, 1960; Percy Grainger, composer, White Plains, New York, 1961.

engagements

Hapus at 378 Gower Road, Killay. Swansea, at 11.25; the Welsh rugby team's training session at St Helen's rugby ground at 12.25; and the Breast Test Wales Centre, Alexandra Road, at 1.40.

Prince Edward will visit the Memopolitan Police Special Es-cort Group at Barnes Garage at

shire, left estate valued at 5464,911 net.

Tories press Lamont for pre-Budget interest cut

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE cabinet will today be given Norman Lamont's outline of the expected path of the economy for the rest of the year, indicating his scope for tax cuts in the Budget on March 10.

With the Budget seen as the likely springboard for the election. Neil Kinnock last night issued a five-page briefing to his shadow cabinet saying that the prime minister was boxed in by parliamentary convention: if he wanted an election on April 9 he would have to announce it on March 11, without taking time to assess the impact of the Budget on public opinion.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer will not tell his colleagues today the specific

Abortion issue may go to vote

Continued from page 1 gressive Democrats said: The Maastricht referendum will be reratifying the existing provisions of the right-to-life article, which creates huge problems." He added that change in the wording would have to be made before or at the same time as the Maas-

The debate over the impli-cations of the Maastricht treaty came as Albert Reynolds, the prime minister, held separate meetings with each of the opposition leaders amid a growing concensus that constitutional change will be the only realistic way of

resolving the controversy. Mr Reynolds was said to be desperately keen to try to re-solve the situation as speedily and effectively as possible. It was being emphasised that contrary to earlier reports, he was not ruling out a further referendum but was also considering other avenues open to him, including possible op-portunities in EC law. A nationwide radio poll yesterday found a decisive majority in favour of a new referendum.

measures planned, but he is being left in no doubt by senior colleagues of their anxiety to see significant tax the standard rate and a lifting of tax thresholds by more than inflation.

While Downing Street indicated yesterday that the John Major will be urging the need for prudence and caution in the continued pursuit of lower inflation, ministers believe that Mr Lamont must highlight the difference between Labour and Tory approaches on March 10 by offering the income tax cut which Labour has promised to reverse.

There is a growing belief among Tory MPs that Mr Lamont will cut interest rates further. Debate within the party on whether any cut should precede or accompany the Budget or should be kept in reserve to increase momenturn further between the Bud-get and the election appears to have concluded in favour of an early cut.

Labour's sensitivity to criticlsms that its tax plans are too vague was evident when John Smith, the shadow chancellor, confirmed yesterday's report in The Times that he will specify soon after the Budget where Labour's top tax rate of 50p will apply.

Sources close to Mr Smith who had previously insisted that Labour would only dis-close the detailed operation of its tax plans in his first Budget as chancellor, said the party will also clarify how it intends to remove the upper earnings limit of £21,000 on insurance national contributions.

In a stormy and ill-tem-pered Opposition-initiated debate in the Commons on the economic slowdown, Mr Smith blamed the govern-"incompetence" for what he described as the longest recession since the second world war. Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, said that America, Germany and even Japan were suffering recessions and said it was impossible for Britain to avoid the consequences at home.

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In the pink: Colin Buchanan, assistant bishop of Rochester, tying his boots while his team-mates wait



Captain's role: Bob Hardy, Bishop of Lincoln, lines up a pass as the mothers' team closes in

Bully bishops win mother of a match

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

AN UNOFFICIAL decree went out from the Church of England yesterday: the collective noun for a group of bishops is a "bully". The tide was granted after bishops, attending yesterday's general synod, exchanged their pur-ple cassocks for pink track-suits and their croziers for hockey sticks to take on the blue-trousered Mothers' Union at hockey.

The bishops, average age 54 years and nine months. were captained by Bob Hardy, Bishop of Lincoln and a former rugby front row for-ward. They scored a decisive

2-0 win in a match that surprised onlookers for its aggression and competitiveness. George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who watched from the sidelines at Dean Yard, Westminster, described it as "the mother of all hockey matches".

The goals were scored by Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford. Stephen Sykes, Bishop of Ely, had a goal disallowed and was booked. Undaunted, the mothers vowed

to fight back next year. The match raised up to £100,000 for family projects supported by the church urban fund. mind awards in other spheres of civil litigation. For example in the first civil action arising

If the jury's award had been

into court by the defendants as a settlement offer before the hearing, she would have had to pay the costs incurred

Political sketch

Nothing sacred in the bear pit

The Bishop of Norwich made his maiden speech to the House of Lords yesterday. "I be-lieve." he told their lordships, "that human nature is corruptible, our motives easily mixed, and that we are not always capable by

ourselves of judging what is best for the human race." For all the difference it makes to MPs, the bishop might as well talk to the birds. Could he hear the din down the corridor in the Commons? From the front benches, an outrageous performance by Michael Heseltine, his best since the party conference, was bringing the Tories to their feet, hollering with delight. Crowd of incompetents!" yelled Labour's John Smith. And, from the back benches, another outbreak of civil war between the Derby-shire MPs had an hon gen-tleman insulting another hon gentleman's mother. As the bishop reviewed

his notes on the ethical con-dition of mankind, there were angry shouts, not 300 yards away. "Millionaire yards away. "Millionaire mammy's boy!" Dennis Skinner (Lab, Bolsover) was bawling at his Derbyshire neighbour, Phillip Oppenheim (C. Amber Valley). "Your brother was sacked for corruption," Oppenheim was shouting back.

The last scuffle I reported from these ancient wars

from these ancient wars was between Dennis and Edwina (Currie, C, S Derbyshire) — over whose head, said Dennis, a constituent wanted to break a basket of

eggs. But today young Phil-lip goes onto the attack... The member for Amber Valley is developing a col-ourful if thuggish line in county council bashing. He came whooping out of his trench and went right over the top. He railed against "candyfloss, Mickey Mouse iche" with the coun-Mouse jobs" with the council. It was "sponging off the back of the poll tax payers". He cited members of the Skinner family as having landed such jobs. He attacked Dennis Skinner's brother. He attacked Skin-

brother. He attacked Skin-ner's sister. Mr Oppenheim stopped short of insulting Mr Skinner's mother. Mr Skinner stopped short at nothing. He insult-ed Mr Oppenheim's moth-er. He called her the rudest thing a Skinner can call you, a "millionaire", and Oppenheim was her "mam-Oppenheim was her "mammy's boy". Pink with rage, Skinner defended his

brother's honour. He had not, as alleged, been "sacked for corruption" but "for standing up to the To-ries". "Sacked for fiddling." Oppenheim bawled back.

Journalists beside me recoiled. "I hope someone keeps those two apart." whispered one, but I must disappoint him. In Derbyshire, they speak of Dennis as the sensitive one, the thinker. His brother David is the bruiser. And in the MPs' smoking room, it is Oppenheim's mum. Sally, who is regarded as the ti-ger. Phillip is just a cub on a learning curve. David Skin-ner vs Lady Oppenheim-Barnes: the Clay Cross Crusher vs the Blonde Bomber. Now that would be a championship fight. And, as it turned out, MPs were soon to witness

another, from another blond bomber, Michael Heseltine. He had come to answer the attack from Labour's shadow Chancel-lor, John Smith.

Smith was good but Heseltine was better. It was shameless. Egging his own side on in a cheering and jeering worthy of a football match, he scorned Smith's efforts to soothe bankers at City luncheons. Such efforts had failed, said Heseltine ... "All those prawn cocktalls — for nothing! Never have so many crustaceans died in vain! Save the prawns!"

The environment secretary's speech took us next to Luigi's restaurant where, in front of reporters, Neil Kinnock had wrestled with the "phasing in" of his tax

plans ... "Economics bolognese cried Heseltine. He turned to his own side. Pity the Labour leader, he said, "long strings of spaghetti slipping through his fork while the minutiae of nat-lonal insurance contributions slipped through the caverns of his mind". These are the bits you won't read in serious reports. In truth they were the only bits that mattered. They were a tonic to morale on the Tory back benches. In British politics, a good speech still matters. "Madam Deputy Speak-er," complained Labour's

George Foulkes, "this is nothing other than a music Indeed. But what a music

hall turn! MATTHEW PARRIS

Sara Keays celebrates £105,000 libel victory to his resignation as trade

Continued from page 1 then I am a banana', then all can say is 'Move over because I am getting into the

Miss Keays, who is estimatd to have received well over 100,000 in a dozen previous libel cases, most of which were settled out of court, was supported in court throughout the case by her father, Colonel Hastings Keays and her twin sister Elizabeth. Miss Keays, whose 12-year affair with Mr Parkinson led and industry segretary in 1983, said the magazine artide put her in the same company as such "pillow talkers" as Flona Wright, former lover of the ex-Burton chief Sir Ralph Halpern, the former call-girl Pamela Bordes and the former model Vicki Hodge, who had all carned money by publishing revela-tions about their sex lives. It implied, she said, that her 1985 book A Question of Judgement contained sexual

money and was deilberately published when it would cause maximum embarrassment to Mr Parkinson. Mr Justice Drake refused a defence application for a stay

of execution pending a possible appeal and granted Miss Keays an injunction banning the defendants from repeating the libel.

Daniel Taylor, solicitor for New Woman, said: "The amount of the award is surprising when one bears in out of a rane case the victim was awarded £25,000. In this action Sara Keays was awarded £105,000 for four paragraphs in a women's lower than the £50,000 paid

from the date of the offer.

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,846 The Times INTERCITY Crossword Championship 1992 Eliminator Puzzle

1 No measure of acidity in the large intestine of La Belle Sauvage, for example (8).

State of the house kept by 'Dame

Durden (9).
5 Sailor king introduces English girl to "an elderly man of 42" (6.8).

6 Feet a doctor is bandaging (5).
7 Stories out of the Bible make

8 Extracted from an American

9 Thearrical chap, victim of a bad investment — as he might say when left holding the baby (6.8).

16 Bishop agrees on new surname for James and John (9).

17 Sailor without a semblance of a

19 In the centre of the city, etiquette demands the prescribed clothes

21 The cold brilliance, say, of a group of stars (7).

24 A stupendous contribution to

the war in France (6).

turnover, say (5).

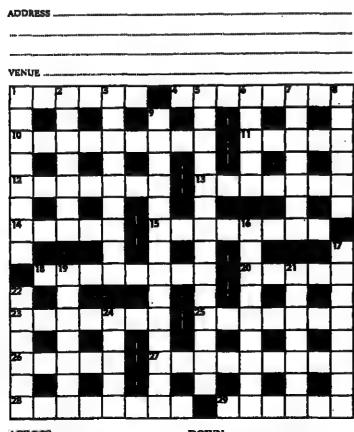
He was a commentator during

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money (7).

Award (8).

2 Cut off rie, also buckle (7).



ACROSS I Mischievous child in element

grows up (6). 4 How Celtic boss got his job? (8). 10 The type of publication branches tend to drop (5-4).

11 Fruit profits to be shared (5). 12 Small parcel left inside skirt pocket (7). 13 The intrinsic nature of a city church (7).

14 Orders last of ale and stout (5). 15 The original horse bus — not the standard model (4-4).

18 Torpid oar - said to be a dimwit

20 Capital for current new car (5). 23 The bearing of one in the State

Opening giving nothing away 25 Top implement (7).

26 Australian cut in the Strand (5). 27 Receive a K, say, in ignorance

28 Being relieved, the soldiers de-parted (8).

29 He shows a healthy interest in dealing with his clients (6).

All entrants who qualified for regional finals in Glasgow, Leeds, and Birmingham have been accepted for those finals. All regional finals will begin at 2pm, and the competitors may check in from 1pm. As there are more qualifiers for the Bristol and London A and B finals than can be accommodated, those who have been notified of their qualification are required to attempt this eliminator puzzle. Qualifiers are strongly urged to submit their attempts even if they cannot complete the puzzle, since entries with everal consistons or mistakes are likely to be admitted. or mistakes are likely to be admitted. The solution will appear next Thursday and entrants will be individually day and entrants will be individually informed of the result of the eliminainformed of the result of the elimination within three weeks. The completed form and puzzle, which must
be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope (9 inches x 4,
please), should be sent to The Times
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By Philip Howard

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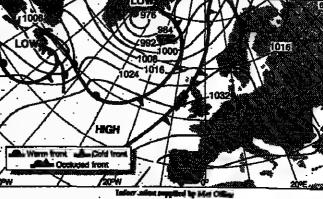
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Virgin Atlantic Airways' parent company is trying to raise cash by selling a minority stake to a foreign Page 18

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Troubled group goes £81 m into red

Day takes hard line on BAe loss-makers

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDIFOR

SIR Graham Day, interim chairman of British Aerospace, has said that businesses incurring structural losses will be closed unless BAe can find suitable partners to put them into joint ventures.

We have to preserve that which is preservable and operate on behalf of shareholders," Sir Graham said. A selection of businesses

outside the core elements of defence, aerostructures, Rover vehicles, property development and construction is up for sale but Sir Graham said that an alternative solution was "to downsize some The group's new priority to maximise cash flow was

emphasised by Sir Graham when he announced a widely predicted group loss of £81 million pre-tax for 1991. It will create extra urgency in BAe's search for a partner for its regional airliner manufacturing business, which primarily rests on the loss-making BAe146 family of

BAe's commercial aircraft division made a loss of £37 million before interest charges in 1991, although the business making components for Airbus Industrie moved into profit and has a good order book.

Dick Evans, the chief exec-utive responsible for aircraft and defence activities, said, however, that there were good partnership prospects for the regional aircraft business which, like the more successful executive jet business, has now been organised separate ly from the Airbus business. He said BAe was "close to

establishing common ground" with rival manufacturers with which a joint venture might be negotiated. Sir Graham hinted that the identity of a new permanent chairman for BAe, who would be drawn from outside

the group and would be Brit-

ish, would probably be re-

vealed at BAc's annual meet-

ing on April 30. A shortlist of fewer than five was drawn up at the end of January. Those on the shortlist were all executives of large companies with international businesses, although some are thought to be drawn from process rather

manufacturing

For 1991, BAe reported profits before exceptional items of £154 million, down from £400 million. This was in line with its forecast at the time of last September's rights issue of £430 million, which was largely left with underwriters and led to the replacement by Sir Graham of Professor Sir Roland Smith as chairman.

Exceptional reorganisation and rationalisation charges of £235 million, slightly lower than predicted, left pre-tax losses of £81 million against a 1990 profit of £376 million and a loss after tax of £152 million. The dividend is maintained at 25p per share, costing a further £105 mil-lion, but Sir Graham said that future dividends would depend on trading and pros-

An unbudgeted provision of £51 million against the group's investment in Burwood House, a retail property group into which BAe was forced to inject £79 million under an indemnity to Asda, its partner, was accommodated within forecast provisions by reducing exceptional re-



Day: replacement hint

organisation costs in other parts of the group. Sir Gra-ham said: "Circumstances have changed even since Sep-

The reorganisation costs cover large-scale cuts in jobs, which are likely to fall by 10,000 this year, after previously being reduced by

BAe shares rose 30p to 303p after Sir Grahan revealed that BAe achieved a net cash inflow of £630 million in the second half of 1991 without counting the rights issue proceeds. Although cash flow is seasonal and was neutral for the full year, the second-half inflow emcompassed a £200 million contribution from Rover.

The carmaker had been managed with the aim of conserving cash in difficult markets, despite a fall from pre-interest profits of £103 million to losses of £83 million, mostly incurred in the

The defence business, preinterest profits of which rose from £504 million to £553 million, also produced a strong positive cash flow before the rundown of customers' deposits, mainly on the Saudi Al Yamamah contract from £1.5 billion to £760 million.

Proceeds from sales of assets, including aircraft held in finance companies, were higher than expected.

At the year end, borrowing was only 16 per cent of share-holders funds excluding advance payments from customers, which are expected to stabilise at around £500 mil-

Mr Evans said he hoped that phase two of the Al Yamamah contract would be agreed soon. The group also expects an immediate decision from the British government on development of a new short-range air-to-air missile and, later this year, a decision on production of the European fighter aircraft.

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year-on-year, but from weak trading conditions at a time of Gulf tension.

Ear of the realm: not Uncle Walt, but BA's Lord King being welcomed by

Minnie Mouse as "preferred UK airline" for holiday packages to the Paris

Euro Disneyland from Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow

Modest retail sales rise

fails to impress City

BY COUN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

MODEST rise in retail

sales in the official figures for

January was greeted by the

trade as a sign of nascent

consumer confidence. City

economists, however, still

doubt whether the pickup will

The Central Statistical Of-

fice said seasonally adjusted

volume sales increased 0.4

per cent last month, after an

0.9 per cent fall in December.

The year on-year gain in Jan-uary was 0.9 per cent. De-spite heavy discounting before and after Christmas,

sales rose only 0.4 per cent in

the latest three months and

were up only 0.7 per cent

compared with the same per-

will be very muted."

The January pickup mainly reflected a 3.5 per cent rise in food sales. Clothing and footwear were down, although the late start to the January trading period might have

distorted the data.
Other CSO figures showed

£969 million reduction in stocks held by manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers dur-

Preliminary gross domestic product data out today had been expected to show a 0.2 per cent drop in the fourth quarter, but the heavy destocking suggests a sharper

☐ In America, government figures showed consumer prices rising 0.1 per cent in January, the smallest month-

ly rise since last July.

Rhône defies profit trend

FROM WOLFGANG MUNCHAU IN PARIS

RHÔNE-POULENC has recorded a rise in profits to defy the gloomy global trend of falling profits among chemi-

cal companies.
The state-owned French group, which recorded a 3.2 per cent rise in net income to Fr2 billion in 1991, attributes Its success to a growing exposure in the pharmaceuticals and health sector that now accounts for 34.8 per cent of the company's business.

Last year saw the first fullyear consolidation of Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, formed in 1990 when Rhone-Poulence bought 68 per cent of Rorer, an American biotechnology

Operating income rose more strongly, by 37.5 per cent to Fr6.27 billion; sales were up 6.9 per cent to Fr83.8 billion. Income per share went up 1.9 per cent to Fr20.53 and the gross dividend remains at Fr23.25.

The results were achieved only on the back of strong performance by the health division, which more than doubled operating income to Fr4.2 billion; other sectors were disappointing, especially organic and inorganic intermediates and agrichemicals. Health-related businesses are less cyclical than bulk chemicals.

In the past few years the company has spent Fr40 billion on acquisitions. Apart from the Rorer deal, these included the purchase of RTZ's chemicals business in 1989. Last year, a process of divestment began, with sales worth Fr4 billion.

Jean-Rene Fourtou, chairman and chief executive, said the group "still contains nonstrategic business activities,

forming and which we can-He said Rhône had achieved its main strategic objective of ranking among the world's five leading com-panies in each of its business sectors. Overall, the company is the world's seventh-largest

chemical company and the fifth-largest in Britain. Rhöne-Poulenc is believed to favour reducing the state's 56 per cent interest. M Fourtou faces reappointment this summer.

Clegg denies insider dealing

By MARTIN WALLER

German mark 2.8846 (-0.0024) JOHN Clegg, former manag-ing director of Wace, the pre-Exchange index press services company, has ssued a legal statement deny-Bank of England official close (4pm) ing acting on, or passing on to others, price-sensitive in-ESTOR KYATIKET formation.

The company is the subject of a Department of Trade and Industry enquiry into share dealings in the smaller Parkway Group in the months before Wace's suc-cessful bid for that company **New York Dow Jones**

Mr Clegg, in a statement through his solicitors, Norton Rose, said press reports had contained "many groundless allegations and innuendoes HIERESTARATES against me". Allegations, since denied, of a link between the company and the IRA had been followed by further speculation in the

"The other directors of Wace became concerned at the possibility of continuing rumours regarding myself and my family which, in the climate created by the original article, they felt might be damaging to Wace. Mr Clegg said. He had therefore been left

with "little alternative but to resign" as managing director. More recently, as the original allegations faded, there had been suggestions that he was involved in "potentially unlawful dealings" in Parkway shares.

"I wish to emphasise that throughout the whole of my time at Wace I only ever acted for and in the interests of Wace and all its shareholders," Mr Clegg said.

"In particular, I have never acted on, or provided to others, any price-sensitive infor-mation, whether in connection with the Parkway acquisition or any other transaction," he added.

Mr Clegg said he had confirmed through his solicitors that he was happy to cooperate in enquiries by the Stock Exchange, the DTI "or any other relevant body".



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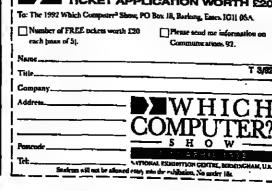
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Companies demur on devolution

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH .

SCOTLAND'S financial community, which produces 15 per cent of the country's gross national product, does not believe devolution of any kind would benefit business, according to a survey by Scottish Financial Enterprise. Some believe they may be forced south of the border if a Scottish government imposed additional taxation.

SFE was set up in 1986 to promote the interests of the Scottish financial community. However, Professor Andrew Bain, who holds the chair of political economy at Glasgow University and carried out the survey, says the interests of businesses would not be served by a

separate Scottish parliament.
Of the 25 large financial institutions Brent (Mar) \$17.50 bbl (\$17.20) he interviewed, many believe devolution would damage their businesses by lead-

ing to:

☐ Increased business costs. Resentment among customers in Devolution being seen as a stepping-

stone to independence.

ployers, said they could not justify retaining Scottish headquarters if that imposed an added tax burden on their with-profits policy holders, 90 per cent

of whom live in England. There was agreement in the survey that higher rates of income tax would result in higher salary costs for busi-nesses. About half of those surveyed thought any tax differential, however small, would affect perceptions of Scotland's quality of life and would make it

more difficult to recruit key staff. If Scotland were to have a different rate of personal tax from the rest of Britain, Scottish investors may have to

have responded with a calm, balanced assessment of both the threats and the opportunities before them. Their view must be heard for Scotland's prosperity depends...on their confidence and their successful leadership."

encouraging" for retailers. He said business remained competitive and it would be some time before profitability started to recover. The government figures confirmed the findings of the latest distributive trades survey by the Confederation of British Industry. Sales

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be treated differently from other UK investors. Financial companies fear that would lead to higher administrative costs, make Scottish institutions uncompetitive in UK markets and cause people to migrate south. The UK must remain a single market for financial services, the survey said, while UK companies must be able to compete under the same regulatory regime. Nor should other policy areas affecting business, such as employment law, be devolved. James Scott, executive director of SFE, said: "No one should doubt the importance of the financial sector to Scotland's economy: it now employs nine times as many people as traditional heavy industries."

Alick Rankin, chairman of SFE and of FOR APRIL. Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, said: "Leaders of our top financial industries

showed steady improvement Scots firms say home rule would hurt business ☐ A Scottish parliament being seen as more left-wing than that of the UK. A minority of those surveyed saw potential benefits from decentralisation and greater political autonomy in Scotland if a home government adopted policies to stimulate and retain entrepreneurial activity in Scotland. The report says many Scottish financial institutions rely on markets outside Scotland. Scottish life assurance companies, among the country's biggest em-

Family to sell 20% of Remy

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN PARIS

THE family owners of Remy Cointreau are to relax their tight control of the French drinks company through the flutation or the direct share placing of 20 per cent of the equity, in a move to raise I'r1.2 billion.

The Heriard Dubreuil family, which owns Orpar Remy Cointreau, the majority shareholder, has appointed BZW, the London broker, as adviser for the share sale. which is expected to go ahead within the next few weeks, although details have yet to he announced.

Orpar is fully owned by the family, although Highland Distillers, the Scotch whisky

Southdown slumps into loss

BY LINDSAY COOK

THE Southdown Building Society made an after-tax loss of £8.1 million last year after provisions of £14.9 million for bad debis. Members of the society, based in Lewes, East Sussex, are voting on its merger with the Leeds Per-

manent Building Society.

The Wookwich Building Society put up standby funding for the society last August when false rumours about it being linked with BCCI started a run on the Southdown. The proposed merger with the fifth largest society was announced in November and will not be affected by the loss. The Southdown made a pre-tax operating profit of £6.6 mil-lion compared with £7 mil-

Savers will receive a bonus of I per cent of their savings on the merger going ahead in April and borrowers a 0.5 per cent reduction in interest for

group, has an option to buy 30 per cent eventually. The move marks the latest

in a series of measures designed to streamline what is perceived to be an archaic company structure into a straightforward group holding. Orpar will, however, retain a small majority of the equity in Remy Cointreau to avoid falling property as boother. avoid falling prey to a hostile takeover bid as happened with other drinks companies in the past, including, most recently. Perrier, which is fac-

ing a hostile bid from Nestlé. The proceeds of the share sale are to be used to reduce debts of almost Fr9 billion. Remy Cointreau is one of

the world's five largest drinks groups and its product port-folio Includes Remy Martin cognac, Cointreau liqueur, and champagne brands, Krug and Piper Heidsieck The company also distributes Highland Distillers' The

Famous Grouse whisky.

The shares to be sold are treasury stock, which was creared after the merger of the previous holding group with one of its subsidiaries. Under French law, if a subsidiary and its parent company merge, and, as a result, the subsidiary owns a stake in the parent, this stake automatically converts into so-called treasury stock, which does not carry voting rights until the stock is sold off.

Remy Cointreau's shares are listed in Paris and Frankfurt, and despite the appoint-ment of a British finance house, the company does not intend to have its shares listed

Last month, Grand Metropolitan decided to sell its 20 per cent stake in the Remy Martin and the Cointreau subsidiaries to the Remy Cointreau holding group. The planned flotation of the 20 per cent stake, however is not related to GrandMet's share sale but to the internal

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Top BP director to run C&W

BY MARTIN BARROW

CABLE and Wireless has poached one of BP's most promising directors to fill the role of chief executive, vacant since the abrupt resignation of Gordon Owen last The telecommunications

group yesterday announced the appointment of James Ross, 53, effective from May 1. He is currently chairman and chief executive of BP America, a position formerly held by Bob Horton, BP's current chairman.

Mr Ross was hailed as "an outstanding international manager of the highest calibre" by Lord Young of Graffham, chairman of Ca-

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ble and Wireless, who said he expected to continue to adopt a "hands-on" approach to the job. "I will be looking at the woods and he will be looking at the trees," said the former Young's new regime.

trade secretary.
Lord Young said the appointment of an Americanbased executive at a time when Cable and Wireless is reported to be keen to form a global alliance with Ameri-

can Telephone and Tele-graph was "coincidental," The appointment of Mr Ross completes the board-room shake-up that followed the resignation of Mr Owen after 37 years. Mr Owen played a key role in establish-

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ing Mercury to compete with British Telecom but was closely associated with Lord Sharp, the former chairman of Cable and Wireless, and failed to find favour in Lord

For BP the departure of Mr Ross represents a substantial loss. He will be succeeded by Rodney Chase, currently chief executive of BP Exploration's western hemisphere

Other BP board changes announced yesterday include the appointment of Karen Horn as non-executive director. Dr Horn is chairman and chief executive officer of Bank One, Cleveland.

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AIR CORRESPONDENT

VOYAGER Travel Holdings, the parent company of Rich-ard Branson's Virgin Atlantic

Airways, is seeking to raise at least £55 million by selling a 20 per cent stake to a foreign

Financial details of the

group are being circulated by

Salomon Brothers, the Amer-

ican investment bank, and

show that despite heavy "start

up" costs at Heathrow air-

port, which plunged the air-line into a £3 million pre-tax loss in the year to last July. Voyager as a whole made profits of £775,000. Virgia.

would have made a £9 million

loss had it not sold and leased

back one of its seven Boeing

Senior officials of the group

- which includes cargo and holidays as well as Virgin's

scheduled air routes - are confident that there will be

profits of around £6 million in

the year to last October, a new

financial year-end to be used in future. In the current year, they say, they will make "multi-millions" in profits.

A spokesman said the

group was "very pleased" with the results, which showed it had successfully

managed the switch from

Mr Branson aims to ex-pand his scheduled airline network. That will involve

leasing several new aircraft to

build on the routes Virgin

now flies out of Heathrow.
The airline began services from Heathrow last July, so all the costs of the switch from

Gatwick were included in last

year's figures, before the in-creased revenue began to flow

Mr Branson is also negoti-ating to sell his record com-pany for around £1 billion.

He is said to be considering

several attractive offers that

would give overall financial

control to another company but allow Virgin to continue

through.

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Garwick to Heathrow.

Bad debts slow Lloyds Abbey to £306m

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LLOYDS Abbey Life, the life assurance subsidiary of Lloyds Bank, suffered a 4 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £306 million last year as bad debts from its finance house offshoot wiped out the growth in its life assurance business. The final dividend is held at 11p. Sir Simon Hornby, the new chairman, said: "We do not expect that trading conditions in 1992 will be much more favourable than those in the past

Black Horse Financial Services' pre-tax profits rose 34 per cent to £89.5 million, contrasting with stagnant profits of £143 million at Abbey Life. But it was offset by a 55 per cent slump in profits at Lloyds Bowmaker, where bad debts, particularly second mortgages, rose 51 per cent to £106 million. Black Horse Agencies fell to a loss of £1.2 million from a £8.1 million prolit. Tempus, page 20

ECC in US takeover

ECC Group is to acquire the sand and gravel mineral reserves of Walt Flanagan & Company, of Denver. Colorado, as well as the business and fixed and mobile plant of Flanagan Readymix for \$20.5 million in cash. Flanagan is a leading producer of ready mixed concrete in the Denver area and is a long-standing customer of the Cooley Gravel Company. ECC's aggregate operation in Denver. The mineral assets acquired consist of 22 million tons of sand and gravel reserves in the South Platte River Valley, which and gravel reserves in the South Platte River Valley, which will greatly strengthen Cooley Gravel's reserves. These reserves are in the vicinity of — and well placed to serve — the new hub airport and the development of the airport's

Quelle profit flat

QUELLE. Europe's largest mail-order house, expects 1991-QUELLE. Europe's largest mail-order nouse, expects 1991-2 distributable profit to remain flat at the previous year's DM 241 million. Klaus Mangold, management board chairman, said group sales jumped 16.7 per cent to DM 14.7 billion in the year to January 31. Sales in east Germany rose to DM 2.5 billion from DM 1.1 billion. Herr Mangold said he expected sales growth to slow this year. He announced that Quelle planned to strengthen its market position in both west and east Europe. It has already set up units in Crechestorskip and Poland. The group is to be units in Czechoslovakia and Poland. The group is to be renamed Quelle Schickedanz AG & Co as the first step towards a listing on German stock exchanges.

Jos net assets tall

NET asset value at Jos Holdings, the investment trust, fell from 180.9p a share to 177.6p in the six months to the end of January, but compared with 150.9p at the end of January 1991. Net revenue declined from £224,793 to £185.812. Earnings were 2.01p a share, down from 2.43p. The bulk of the trust's income is earned in the second half. Investors were told that although the forthcoming results season may contain dividend cuts, the trust expects to maintain the total dividend distribution for the year. In the 12 months to the end of July 1991 total dividend was 5.05p a share.

Whitbread signs deal

WHITBREAD has signed a distribution deal for its supplies to the free trade in Scotland with Scottish & Newcastle, the Scottish Brewers subsidiary of which will supply Whitbread beers to both companies' free trade accounts. Whitbread has about 2.5 per cent of the Scottish free trade market, while S&N has more than 40 per cent. As part of the deal, loans Whitbread has made to customers in Scotland will be

City diary, page 21 Management unaware of cost implications

Banham fears firms are not ready for VAT switch

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT.

THE Confederation of British Industry is concerned that the full implications, including the heavy cost, of changes in value-added tax collection, to be introduced next January as part of the European single market, have not yet reached top management in Britain.

Sir John Banham, the CBI's director-general, voiced his organisation's fear about the lack of awareness of the transitional VAT regime at a conference in London

He gave warning that Brit-ish business would be unwise to wait until the legislation was enacted, as that would leave too little time for them to implement the wide-ranging changes to the existing

systems.
The VAT change will be introduced when border controls between the 12 members states of the European Community are swept away. An estimated 90,000 businesses will be affered.

The removal of border controls next January means that the usual border collection point for VAT and statistical information will be replaced by a new mechanism. In future, companies will be required to keep track of goods' movements within the single market and build such information into their accounts. This data will form the basis of the information that must be supplied to Customs and

Sir John said the change over would mean the wholesale reprogramming of computer systems in order to provide details of sales to each VAT-registered customer during the previous quarter throughout the Community. The new single market sys-

tem will run parallel to the current regime governing imports and exports to non-



Sir John: urging action

Community countries, which will remain unchanged: Jeremy Moxon, of Lucas Industries, told the confer-

ence that large traders had only 12 months to go before they would be legally required to submit the "supplementary statistical declarations" de manded under the European directive. For firms only starting to consider the options, and even for those with some of the procedures in place, there was much work still to be done.

He urged companies to set up project teams to liaise with the customs authorities and keep abreast of requirements as they are announced.

Such teams could also consider the effects on their companies' operations, educate staff and develop software to achieve a successful transition, he said. Richard Watson, partner at

Price Waterhouse, foresaw difficulties arising for transport companies and their customers in determining to whom VAT liability falls. He said: "In the vast majority of cases, this is going to be straightforward, but a minority will create confusion out of all proportion to their num-

Pilkington sells US offshoot

PILKINGTON, the international glass group currently in the process of disposing of non-core businesses, is raising \$40.25 million through the sale of Coburn Optical industries, an optical machinery business in America. But the group has reaffirmed its commitment to Visioncure, the American contact fens and spectacles business that comprises the rump of Pilkington's eyeenre

activities. The buyer is a company controlled by Robert Jepson, of Savannah, Georgia, formerly chairman of the Jepson. Corporation. Coburn's sale last year were just under \$40 million, although the com-pany burely broke even. Coburn was part of the eyecare business acquired from Revion in 1987 for £361

million. Last May, when the planned self-off was unnounced, unalysis expected the business to command a premium to the then net asset value of \$50 million. However, the company yesterday expressed satisfaction with the final consideration.

In December, Pilkington said it was raising £100 million through the sale of its 48 per cent stake in Glass South Africa to Plate Glass and Shatterprofe Industries.

Redland picks holes in Steetley March 1990. Geraid Corbett, the

BY MARTIN WALLER

REDLAND, locked in an acrimonious E620 million takeover bid for Steetley, a fellow building materials supplier, has become embroiled in an esoteric dispute over the exact value of various holes in the ground in northern France.

The company has claimed that the actual worth of a substantial chunk of its target's quarrying assets, acquired with a key French acquisition in 1990 that brought with it total reserves of more than 150 million tonnes of sand. gravel and limestone, may rely on the goodwill of the French planning

authorities. The value of Steetley's assets is likely to form the main plank of its defence when this gets under way again later this month. Redland now claims that of those 150 million tonnes, fewer than 40 million tonnes have the necessary planning consents, a claim Steetley says is

irrelevant. Steetley bought Gobitta, a building est element of the total aggregates reaggregates business based north-east of serves, are "a autoriser," or "to be Paris, for a total of Fr850 million in authorised", rather than "autorises".

Redland finance director, claims his own company was also negotiating to buy the business at that time, but at about half the price that Steetley was to pay. "Even £45 million for a business that made £1.4 million after-tax profit was a full price," he now claims.

The circular to shareholders in Steetley at the time mentions the estimated 150 million tonnes of reserves. The 1990 accounts subsequently revalued those reserves from a book value of £12.2 million to a "fair value" of £87.3

But the actual sale contract between Steetley and the vendors of Gobitta makes it clear that of these reserves, the vast majority still needed the necessary authorisation before the materials could be extracted. Moreover, the English and French language versions of that contract contain a significant discrepancy.

In the French version, 75 per cent of the alluvial and chalk deposits, the largThat distinction does not appear in the English translation.

Richard Miles, the Steetley chief executive, said Redland's claims were "bid rhetoric". The discrepancy in the con-tracts was a legal error and the lack of the necessary planning consents irrele-vant, as those reserves that did have it represented 15 years' worth of materials at present production rates. "You couldn't get 50 years' of sand and gravel reserves consented. The fact that you have those under your control is what it's about."

The asset revaluation in the accounts had been arrived at in the normal way by the directors, and he refused to say if Steetley's normal team of property advisers had been used or how it had been arrived at. The assets involved were next to each other and would cause no problems with the planning authorities

when the time came to extract them.

City analysts said the distinction between proven reserves that can be extracted immediately and those that do not have planning permission is a significant one, especially given increasing environmental concerns.

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NUSINESS ROUND UP v to £306m **Profit soars** at Owners tour group

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DEEP recession has failed to dent British enthusiasm for the package holiday. Owners Abroad, the second-largest tour operator, has doubled annual profits and reported exceptionally strong demand for winter and summer holidays this year.

In the 12 months to the end of October - a period that included the outbreak of the Gulf war, civil war in Yugo-slavia, rising British unemployment and a sharp increase in personal bankrupt-cies — Owners Abroad lifted pre-tax profits from £15.31 million to £31.63 million.

Despite a collapse in bookings in January and February during the Gulf war, the tour operating division sold a rec-ord 1.9 million holidays during the year, achieving prices up by an average of 7 per cent over the previous year. At the end of the financial year, bookings were 10 per cent ahead of budgeted levels when the company expected a decline in volume.

The pattern has continued this year. Winter bookings are 30 per cent higher, helped by good skiing conditions in Europe, with a higher pro-portion of holidays sold at full brochure price. Summer bookings are also buoyant. In January, bookings were 116 per cent higher than the pre-vious January and 25 per cent ahead of January 1990. The company, which normally has negative cash flow in the first half, expects to be

cash positive all year.

A key factor in the strong performance was last year's collapse of International Leisure Group, the largest holiday company, removing sur-plus capacity and enabling

Owners Abroad and the rival Airtours to achieve higher margins in an industry noted for cut-throat pricing policies. Howard Klein, chairman

of Owners Abroad, said: "A higher percentage of holidays were sold at full brochure price than ever before and very high load factors were again achieved, leading to very significant increases in profitability." Mr Klein dismissed the threat of another price war after the launch by Thomson Holidays of a Pricebreaker brochure. Talk of a price war was, In my view, entirely misplaced as I believe that the lessons have been well and truly learned and it is now the profit motive that is the principal driving force in

this industry." Some competitors had priced aggressively to capture early bookings at lower mar-gins; Mr Klein said, but Owners Abroad had cap-italised by being able to nego-tiate improved charter airline terms from its third party suppliers through the seat wholesaling division.

Earnings were 12.6p a share, against 8p after adjusting for last year's £29 million two-for-five rights issue. There is a final dividend of 2.2925p a share, increasing the total from 2.9p to 3.2p. The cost of dividend payments has risen from £3.77 million to £7.49 million. The shares fell 1p to 119p.

After the rights issue, the company was cash positive from May onwards and held cash balances of £73 million at the year-end. Shareholders' funds were up 87 per cent to £70 million.

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GRUNER & Jahr, the publisher of Germany's Stern magazine, has agreed to buy a half-share in a newspaper group in eastern Berlin from the private interests of the late Robert Maxwell.

Gruner and Robert Maxwell Group, a Maxwell pri-vate firm, each have a 50 per cent holding in Berliner Verlag, publisher of Berliner Zeitung. Berliner Kurler and

several regional dailies.

Arthur Andersen, administrator to the Maxwell private companies, has agreed to sell the Maxwell half-stake to the German publisher, which is part of the giant Bertelsmann group. Terms were not

Gruner had first call on the shares under the original joint venture agreement with

Süddeutscher Verlag, a Munich-based group that publishes the Suddeutsche Zeitung, pulled out of talks to acquire the stake because the company did not want to inherit Maxwell's legal status

Bodycote buys US companies

By MARTIN BARROW

als Technology (IMT) and IMT Europe from America's National Forge Company. The total consideration is \$14.6 million.

There is a \$637,000 cash payment and the balance will be funded through a placing of 2.23 million new shares with Institutions at 356p each. Yesterday's unchanged market price was 373p.

Bodycote has forecast pre-tax profits of not less than £11.25 million for 1991. against a reported £9.81 mil-lion in 1990. IMT and IMT Europe are engaged in hot isostatic pressing, a process that combines the application of heat and gas pressure to metal, glass and ceramic components to remove voids

and other defects.

In 1990 the companies carned combined profits of \$1.24 million before interest and tax, compared with \$675,000 in 1989. The acquisition is subject to share-holders' approval.

Former offshoot bids for Polymark

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

POLYMARK International, the laundry equipment group, has received a £9.7 million takeover bid from Polyfinance, its former French subsidiary, which was sold to a management team only 18 months ago. The deal is an agreed one.

Polyfinance UK, a wholly owned subsidiary of Polyfinance SA, is offering 37p in cash for each Polymark ordinary share and 164.5p for each A share. On the London Stock Exchange, the group's ordinary shares rose 2p to 36p and the A shares rose 32p to 163p. At the end of January, Polymark announced that an approach had been made. At that time, Polymark's share prices were

23.5p and 10op respectively. Polyfinance has received irrevocable undertakings from directors speaking for 0.23 per cent of the ordinary shares and 8.44 per cent of the A shares, conditional on no other offers being an-nounced before 3 pm on

Polymark sold its French subsidiary for about £7 milhon in June 1990, to a team headed by Albert Beja, its chairman, who was backed by 3). While the French business has gone from strength to strength, with profits of FFr5 million on turnover of Fr150 million in the six months to end-September, Polymark's pre-tax profits fell 57 per cent to £402,000 in the six months to end-June.

Polymark says trading in the second half of last year was difficult with no signs of an upturn in demand. While the group's balance sheet remains satisfactory, trading performance has been disappointing.

Polyfinance says the acquisition of Polymark gives it an opportunity to expand its laundry business throughout Europe by creating a group with a presence in three important markets, France. Germany and Britain. in addition to laundry

equipment, Polyfinance distributes bicycles and cycle components, golfing equipment, tennis equipment and luxury designer items. It employs 150 people and says that, while a detailed review of Polymark will follow the acquisition, it has no immediate plans to dispose of any Polymark businesses.

Polymark is being advised by Close Brothers and the offer is being made by Société Générale Merchant Bank on behalf of Polyfinance UK.



Riding the recession: Howard Klein saw holiday bookings reach record levels

Brierley's offer for AustCon under fire

FROM BRIAN BUCHANAN IN SYDNEY

S1R Ron Brierley's GPG and Brierley Investments have launched a takeover bid for Australian Consolidated Investments that values the company at Aus\$140 million

(£60 million). Sir Ron is thought to be particularly interested in the 50 per cent stake that Aust-Con holds in National Brewing, formally Bond Brewing. However, the cash offer for the former Bell Resources, previously owned by Bond Corp and once the jewel in the crown of the late Robert Holmes à Court, came under immediate attack.

Adelaide Steamship, which has 20 per cent of AustCon, said the 23 cents-a-share offer was "far too low". The shares closed yesterday at 24 cents.

Colin Henson, the executive director of AustCon, said; "Quite clearly the bid under-states the worth of the company as shown in its balance

Sir Ron and BIL have made the offer through Rossington Investments, a jointly owned shelf company, which has 16.81 per cent of

Sir Ron: options open AustCon's ordinary shares and 18.47 per cent of its preference shares. The preference shares can be converted into ordinary shares on a onefor-one basis.

The bid is conditional on AustCon not proceeding with, or allowing to proceed, an option agreement with Lion Nathan, a New Zealand brewer, in which AustCon's stake in National Brewing would go to Lion. The bid has brought on the early retirement of Geoff Hill, AustCon's chairman, who stepped down yesterday so that he can act as

the company's adviser. That ing battle as Mr Hill squares up to Sir Ron, who has an international reputation as a corporate raider.

Lion Nathan has reacted angrily to the offer, giving warning of legal action if the bid causes it any loss. Douglas Myers, Lion's chief execu-tive, said AustCon shareholders had approved the call option and Lion had an absolute and binding contract with AustCon".

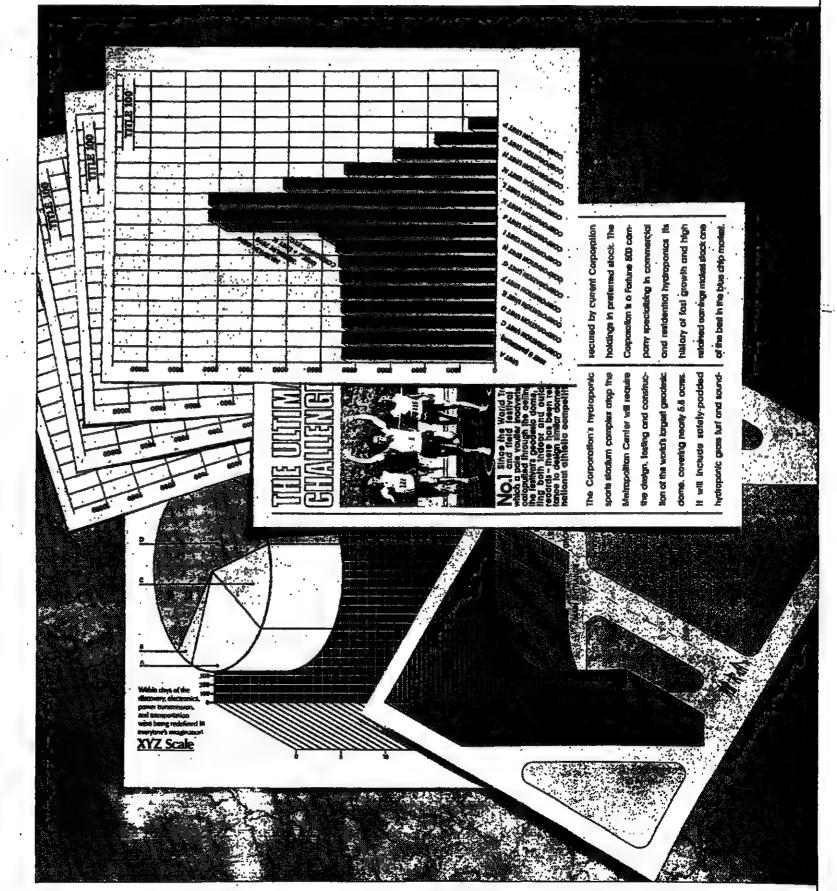
Other conditions of the bid were that the \$220 million flotation of the oil and gas royalty interest in the Bass Strait of Weeks Petroleum, AusiCon's subsidiary, would not go ahead, and there must be Foreign Investments Review Board approval and 90

per cent acceptances.

Sir Ron said his options were open because it was safer to start an offer with conditions in place, leaving the opportunity for these to be amended or dropped.

Another factor in the bid may be the millions of dollars in capital tax losses in AustCon on which an investment company such as GPG or BIL, could capitalise.

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Lloyds Abbey Life opts for caution

THE City has spent so long patting Lloyds Abbey Life (LAL) on the back that it came as rather a surprise yesterday when it blew a raspherry instead. Investors objected to the board's failure to increase the final dividend, and the cautious words from Sir Simon Hornby, the new chairman, about the coming year.

Analysts had predicted a modest increase in the final dividend, which instead remained static at 11p to make 17.3p for the year. The shares fell 12p to 378p. LAL's management had lit-

tle option but to hold the dividend. Distributable profits are only thought to cover the £120 million charge 1.1 times. Any rise would have suggested flagrant disregard for the economic uncertainties that lie ahead.

LAL's 1991 pre-tax profits contain their usual mix of sparkling performers and downright duffers, which produced an overall fall of 4 per cent to £306 million.

Black Horse Financial Services, the subsidiary that sells life assurance to Lloyds Bank customers, continues to live up to expectations. Pre-tax profits rose 34 per cent to £89.5 million. Black Horse has a sales force of 800 and hopes to eventually sell products to more than a third of Lloyds' customers. The growth was countered by stagnant profits of £143 million at Abbey Life, the traditional life subsidiary.
The worst results, however,

were a 55 per cent decline in



Troubled trade: Sir Simon sees no radical improvement at Lloyds Abbey Life

profits to £22 million at Lloyds Bowmaker, the fi-nance house, where bad debts rose from £70 million to £106 million. The estate agencies suffered a £1.4 milloss (E12.7 million

In his summary, Sir Simon said trading conditions this year will not improve radically, implying that shareholders should not expect a meaningful rise in the dividend. The shares yield 6.1 per cent, much lower while they still command a

premium of more than twice the company's embedded value. Expensive.

Owners Abroad

OWNERS Abroad may be forgiven for seeing the current recession through rose-tinted spectacles, for the more sombre the business climate, the more money people seem to be prepared

The company has sold 90 per cent of its enlarged

without having to resort to the usual discounts, and summer bookings are 25 per cent higher than those in 1990, with last year being considered a freak because of

the Gulf war.

Early talk of a price war also appears unfounded. Last year, when interest rates were higher, average holiday prices rose 7 per cent. There is no evidence that Owners Abroad or its rivals are pre-pared to relinquish these gains to return to the kind of senseless, price war that-

ion before tax to £31.63 million and earnings from 8p to 12.6p a share.

The collapse of Inter-national Leisure Group immediately after the Gulf war dramatically changed the fortunes of Owners Abroad, which in January last year contemplated its worst start to the year.

Instead of disaster, record demand and record profits resulted. A timely and well supported rights issue gave Owners Abroad the funds to take full advantage of a beneficial market.

By the year end, there was E70 million in the bank and the company expects to be cash-positive throughout the

Growth should continue this year, albeit at sustainable levels. Earnings of about 14.5p a share put the shares on a prospective multiple of just over eight.

Despite the rise from an adjusted 38.4p to 119p over one year, this is not the time

Leslie Wise

LESLIE Wise's fortunes are so closely linked to that of its customers, Burton, Etam and C&A, that the 40 per cent fall in profits for the year to end-November should hardly come as a surprise to shareholders. The City marked the shares up 7p to 65p in relief that the

year was the worst trading year the company has ever faced. Pre-tax profits were £2.86 million £4.97 million) on turnover of £40.5 million (£43.7 million). Earnings per share were 5.8p (9.96p) and the final dividend has been held at 2.25p, making a maintained total of 4p.

One of the group's strengths is its healthy balance sheet. It may be cash positive by the end of the current financial year and is rarely more than £1.5 million in debt. Exports were up 93 per cent last year, partly offsetting the 14 per cent decline in UK turnover.

There is some evidence that high street fashion chains are seeing a slight pprovement in sales and Leslie Wise is experiencing a modest increase over the same period last year. Orders for the garment division for the next two months are up on the same period a year ago, but the retail fashion sector is expected to remain highly competitive for some

Analysts are expecting pre-tax profits of £3.5 million this year, putting the shares on a p/e ratio of 9.1 times earnings. The dividend is secure and they are currently yielding about 9.5 per cent gross. The shares suffer from the fact that 50 per cent are in the hands of the directors and their City following is small. Longer term, they look

Sony forecasts first full-year operating loss

that flagging domestic demand for its mainstay consumer electronics will force it into a loss of Y20 billion (E89 million) in the year to March 31 - its first operating loss for a full year.

Although Sony sees a loss for the parent company, it still expects to make an operating profit at the group level. Analysts said the parent company's poor performance re-flected its massive research and development. "Sony is hugely based overseas and is not very good at a parent level." one analyst said.

The company is falling victim to Japan's rapidly slowing economy and the slump in consumer demand. It has been hit by the high value of the ven against the dollar and European currencies. The downturn appears to have ended the wave of success that the company rode into the Nineties. Sony increased

SONY Corpn has forecast its revenues 2.5 times and profits 2.7 times in the five years to last March, with success driven by a series of fashionable products.

The lightweight camcorder that revolutionised personal video was the most recent, but it is the sort of product worst hit by a slowdown in consumer spending. Products that Sony has pinned its hopes on have not taken off as fast as expected.

However, few analysts expect the bad times to last and some thought the forecast unduly pessimistic, possibly a way of getting the bad news out of the way.

Boris Petersik, a technology analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities in Tokyo, said the second half of the next financial year was likely to see an upturn in Sony's fortunes, although it was still not clear when and by how much the Japanese economy would pick up.

New York — Blue chips drifted lower in the morning because of President Bush's poor showing in the New Hampshire primary but the losses were limited with a firmer bond market supporting the market. The Dow Jones industrial average was 9 points lower at 3,215.73. ☐ Tokyo — Prices slumped

in quiet trading and the Nikkei index fell to a 1991-2 closing low. The Nikkei index dropped 253.73 points, or Renewed fears about corporate earnings put pressure on prices, while investors kept a nervous eye on political devel-

Big sellers send shares in BP to fresh low

BP has few friends in the City these days and this was mirrored in the share price. which slumped another 14p to a new low of 251p. Several large lines of stock came on offer as more than 20 million shares changed hands and it seems now that even the American investors are avoiding BP after last week's slump in profits.

County NatWest Wood-Mac and a rival broker, Strauss Turnbull, both urged their clients on Monday to sell BP and switch to British Gas, 2p cheaper at 250p. Strauss is convinced that a cut in the dividend in the current year is likely. Other brokers are also starting to take a similar line and it now looks as if further sell recommendations may be in the

pipeline. Sentiment was also affected by the news of the departure of James Ross, who heads BP's American operations. He was tipped as a future chairman of the group, but will now be joining Cable and Wireless. C&W's share were 12p stronger at 597p after recommendations from two brokers, James Capel and

Warburg Securities. The rest of the sector remained unsettled as the oil

Opec's attempts at reaching an agreement on production quotas. Hoare Govett, the broker, is unimpressed by the outlook for oil and has cut its forecast for Brent crude by \$2. to \$18 a barrel. Losses were suffered in Cairn Energy, 4p to 53p, Clyde Petroleum, 4p to 58p, Enterprise Oil, 13p to 392p, Goal Petroleum, 2p to 59p, Hardy Oil, 11p to 108p, Lasmo, 2p to 108p, Lasmo, 2p to 108p, Lasmo, 2p to 108p, Lasmo, 9p to 197p, and

is positive about BAT industries, ip down at 653p. Next month's full-year figures should show pre tax profits up from £963 million to El .05 billion. to grow, provisions at Eagle Star have ended and house repossessions slowed

Ranger Oil, 22p to 398p. Shell was a nervous market before its full-year figures today with the price losing 13p

The rest of the equity market was worried about the fall on Wall Street on Tuesday and the prospect of further selling when trading resumed yesterday after President Bush's poor showing in the

had been negotiating a deal to enable small depositors to

recover all their money. That

came to nothing when the

bank's partner in the take-

over. Peking-backed China Resources Holdings. pulled

out because of concern over

BCCHK's rising unrecorded

BCCHK's balance sheet was stronger than that of BCCl as a whole, and Hong

Kong banking authorities

Mr Gleeson said he hoped

to give depositors a 35 to 40

per cent payout soon after the

bank was liquidated.

BCCHK has deposits esti-

mated to be worth HK\$4.5

billion (£331 million) lodged

with Hongkong and Shang-

Claims of more than HK\$2

billion from overseas liquida-

tors and customers had

emerged in recent weeks. Mr

Gleeson said, and the guar-

antee of up to US\$25 million

by BCCHK's ultimate owner,

the Abu Dhabi government.

Mr Gleeson said the

47,000 BCCHK depositors

would receive an interim pay-

out of up to 40 per cent, including the relief payment

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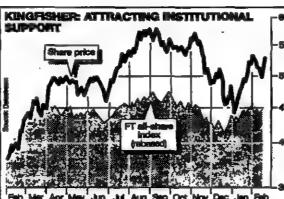
ceived last July. A total payout of up to 75 per cent could be

expected in the long term.

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hai Banking Corporation.

tried to mount a rescue.



New Hampshire primary. However, it seemed that dealers' fears were misplaced as erage opened higher, en-abling prices in London to close above the bottom in thin trading. The FT-SE 100 index closed with a fall of 19.2 at 2,536.7, having been more than 25 points lower earlier. Persistent hopes of a cut in interest rates before the general election enabled government securities to make gains of £4 at the longer end.

Glaxo feil 2p to 826p before its interim figures today. Despite the fall in the price, analysts are forecasting another strong performance from the group. However, losses among American pharmaceuticals companies overits toll on British companies. There were falls for Fisons, Ilp to 373p. SmithKline Beecham A, 26p to 924 2p

British Acrospace jumped 30p to 303p despite the group plunging into the red

and Wellcome, 29p to

The latest retail sales figures, showing the first rise in months, gave only a minor boost to the stores sector with the experts forced to concede that the rise was due almost entirely to increased food

sales. There were gains for Argos. Ip to 284p, Boots, 2p to 465p, John Menzies, 2p to 403p, and WH Smith A. 5p to 462p. There were losses for Marks and Spencer, op to 318p, Ramers, 14p to 184p and Storehouse, 1p to 108p. The best performance of the day was from Kingfisher, up 8p at 531p, after a buy recommendation from UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, which prompted fresh institu-

There was little respite for the share price of liphook, the container and trailer rentals group, as it dropped another 5p to 310p. after touching 306p. still hold the advantage and they have now driven the year's peak of 587p.

tional support for the shares following their recent dull performance. The word is that the group gave a presentation last night for fund

Full-year figures from Lloyds Abbey Life, the life insurance business 60 per cent owned by Lloyds Bank, showed pre-tax profits sliding from £318.9 million to

blamed the setback on the non-insurance business, which had to contend with further bad debts at Lloyds Bowmaker and the slump in the property market hitting profits at the Black Horse agencies. The shares responded with a fall of 12p to 378p. . . Lloyds Bank, reporting to-

hard the state of minster, unveiling its figures next week, was 1p lighter at 288p. Standard Chartered improved 7p to 436p, and Bardays 3p to 383p, while 233p and Abbey National 2p to the good at 292p.

Full-year figures from Owners Abroad, Britain's cond-biggest package holidays operator, showed pre-tax profits more than doubled at £31.6 million.

Howard Klein, the chairman, said that margins had improved after the collapse of the International Leisure Group last year. But the improvement had been widely forecast and the price finished 3p lighter at 117p.

MICHAEL CLARK

Bid to rescue HK arm of BCCI fails

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

THE Hong Kong subsidiary of Bank of Credit and Commerce International is to be liquidated after rescue efforts by Indonesia's Lippo group were thwarted by new claims on the collapsed bank.

Noel Gleeson, the govern-ment-appointed liquidator of Bank of Credit and Commerce Hong Kong, said a takeover bid by the Lippoowned Hong Kong Chinese Bank had failed. BCCHK would be wound up, giving depositors an ultimate payout of up to 75 per cent. The Hong Kong Chinese Bank

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"I am disappointed that the takeover negotiations have failed," he said. "but I have By Order of the Bear Stell Coats no doubt that the best inter nadou, SEI 78A J.A. Candillo ests of depositors and other creditors lie in liquidation."

Japan takes much of the blame for assault on free trade says Brittan

FROM REUTER IN TOKKO

THE ideals of free trade are increasingly being assailed around the world and a good share of the blame rests squarely on Japan, says Sir Leon Brittan, the European Community's competition commissioner.

Speaking at two separate venues, he said that both sluggish progress in free trade talks in the Uruguay Round and recent moves towards managed trade pose a threat to the world's free trade system. "My concern...is that the present international economic slowdown could lead to a potentially destructive political dynamic in the major economies," Sir Leon told a group of Japanese business

He encouraged Japan to continue reforms along a number of lines, but most were nothing new to business people here who are accustomed to foreign calls for market access.

The EC commisioner, who arrived here on Sunday for a six-day visit to meet government and business leaders. said that while slow economic growth may be behind part of a trend away from free trade. much of the blame could be traced to Japan.

"It is the phenomenal strength of the Japanese economy and the huge success of the Japanese export effort which is at the root of much of the present questioning of economic liberalism.



Sir Leon

A fourth area, greater com-

Plea for reforms: Sir Leon wants Japan to change

was of particular concern to

Sir Leon, who is an outspoken

opponent of managed trade

and deals such as the one

struck last month between

Japan and America on auto

After several days of hard

bargaining between Presi-

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Miyazawa, the Japanese

prime minister, last month,

Japan's car industry said it

would boost purchases of car

parts to \$19 billion in the

fiscal year ending March 31.

In 1991. Japan had a current account surplus of \$72.6 billion, more than double the figure for 1990. He said the solution to reducing the trade surplus lies in four key areas. including a wider dialogue with international partners, spreading the rewards of Japan's success with ordinary Japanese, and broader exter-

told

mitment to multilateralism,

Speaking at a press conference today, he said the EC had reserved the right to raise American-Japanese bilateral trade agreements at GATT (the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade). He specifically pointed to Europe's interest in providing

more satellite technology to Japan and also criticised the lack of opportunities for foreign lawyers here.

1990. In an interview on Tuesday, Sir Leon called that

and similar deals a "bad

dea" and discriminatory.

He said winning greater access for EC lawyers in Japan is certain to come up at high level meetings in the future and may be a topic at the world economic summit in July. Sir Leon also took note of the Uruguay Round of talks which has been delayed for years on disagreements over farm subsidies, noting that there is even a creeping fear in some quarters that the principal players are losing

Speaking to reporters, he defended the EC's approach to tackling trade problems with Japan and said that it has been evolving over about the last year.

In addition to aiming for specific trade targets, he said the EC is broadening its approach to discuss wider trade

"Historically, Japan has not paid as much attention to Europe as it did America." he pointed out. "But the balance

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Coal in search of a future

alcolm Edwards, British Coal's embattled commercial director, painted a bleak future for his industry before the Commons Energy committee. The scenario was not unfamiliar. In fact, it was broadly in line with the notorious Rothschild report prepared for British Coal as a possible view of the future if the industry is to survive as a stand-alone entity. This entails exposure to the full blast of foreign competition in the shape of cheap imported coal and a domestic scrap with gas via a new generation of super efficient stations operated by the regional electricity

Neil Clarke, Coal's chairman, has never publicly endorsed the Rothschild document as a realistic vision of a future coal industry. Mr Edwards, who under other circumstances and a Labour government might well have been doing Mr Clarke's job, certainly did that yesterday. The Edwards/Rothschild scenario raises questions for a government that seems bent on privarising the industry and implies that after closures of uneconomic pits, not much will be left to sell. Before proceeding too far down the privatisation route, the government should consider the assumptions of Rothschild and Mr Edwards and how to work them into the best energy policy for Britain.

The bleak prospect depends, as Mr Edwards noted before the committee, on the extent to which the electricity distributors are allowed to proceed with their plans for gas combined-cycle stations. There is a suspicion that some of these will produce power more expensively than the most efficient coalfired stations. The logic for the distributors is that these ventures, financed partly on an equity basis by themselves, are beyond the reach of price regulation. Higher cost power can be passed on to the consumer. Sweetheart contracts between distributors and their partly owned gas-fired generators could lead to generation on a basis not ustified by costs. This would clearly distort demand for coal. To eliminate subsidies to coal, the industry must be reshaped. How this is done will affect not just the size of the coalfields but also the level of one of industry's key costs.

Realism at BAe

ir Graham Day has stamped his image on British Aerospace. That image stands for harsh commercial realism, retrenchment and managing for cash in troubled times. The City took the message yesterday, marking BAe shares up 10 per cent on the enticing thought that they yield 11 per cent on a dividend that now has a much better chance of being maintained. On County NatWest's necessarily tentative 1992 forecast, upgraded to pre-tax profits of £225 million, it might even be covered by earnings.

If Sir Graham chooses a new chairman in his

own image, BAe will effectively be shorn of all the ambitions that once made it look like a romantic but undercapitalised rival to Daimler Benz. Part. of that realism will consist of selling much BAe's vast surplus property estate for cash rather than developing it through Arlington, the property group that was bought at the wrong time.

Also at stake are critical areas of British industry, such as the independent development of civil aircraft, where BAe' priorities will put it at a disadvantage in joint venture negotiations and could lead to ignominious and expensive closure. Rover, at least, seems to be benefiting from its earlier conversion to realism. The resulting BAe, basically a profitable but peace-tainted defence business, plus Airbus and cyclical motors, will be a. stronger but less exciting business.

Glaxo goes under observation for efficacy of long-term treatment

William Kay puts the future of Glaxo

under a microscope and finds it may need stronger medicine to

thrive in the Nineties

oday Sir Paul Girolami. the chairman of Glaxo, will present the pharmaceutical group's latest half-year results. He will receive the obligatory round of applause as he announces pre-tax profits of about £700 milpre-tax profits of about £700 mil-lion, taking the group firmly on the path to another record year. But, for the first time in a long while, doubts are creeping in about Glaxo's ability to sustain its magisterial progress through the uncertainties of the

Since 1980, when Sir Paul be came chief executive, Glaxo's sales and profits have climbed from £618 million and £66 million respectively to what the analysis expect will be £4 billion and £1.4 billion for the year ending this June. This means that profit margins will have swollen from 10.7 per cent to 35 per cent, despite the steady devaluation of the dollar from near-parity with the pound to the present exchange rate of about \$1.80; 40 per cent of sales

went to North America last year.
It is a remarkable performance, which has earned Glaxo the accolade of the largest market capitalisation on the London stock market - more than £24 billion, nearly £4 billion more than British Telecom and nearly as much as BP and British Gas combined. Although Sir Paul handed over the chief executive's reins to the American-born Ernest Mario three years ago, he is very much the architect of Glaxo's growth: Dr Mario's brief is

to carry on the good work. Sir Paul, who is aged 66 and comes from Venice, studied at the London School of Economics and trained as an accountant with what is now Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte. When he joined Glaxo 27 years ago. it was best known for baby food, while also selling products with a medical link, such as veterinary vaccine, surgical tables and prescription medicines that others had developed. Research and development was £25 million, a mere 4 per

cent of turnover.
"The group lacked a clear corporate purpose," Sir Paul recalled. "Its organisation and corporate structure were unsuitable to promote international expansion, and in fact presented many obstacles in the way of growth.

When he became chief executive, he stripped away the rest and committed the group to one theme: prescription medicine, backed by decentralised management, international ambition, and a massive research and development programme designed to give Glaxo its own patent-protected portfolio.

The annual research and development spend is £620 million, or 15 per cent of sales, crowned by a.



Carrying on the good work: Ernest Mario (right), whose brief as chief executive was to extend the achievements of Sir Paul Girolami

HEALTHY PRODUCT PORTFOLIO

ry in Stevenage, Hertfordshire. "In the long term," Sir Paul said, "we exist by having new and better medicines. We establish targets and relate them to products, not just technical queries. It's a question of trusting the research guys, support-

ing them, not being arbitrary."
Once the men in white coats come up with a workable formula. though, the machines take over. To accelerate the process, research is commissioned on several aspects in parallel. Then the product is marketed simultaneously round the world, often at a premium price. That is how they succeeded with Zantac, the anti-ulcer drug that is the best-selling prescription medi-cine in history and accounts for half

the company's turnover.
A recent book on Glaxo, Matthew Lynn's . Billion-Dollar Battle, claims that some of the company's scientists chale at being so overtly marketing-led. But Sir Paul's strate-gy has nevertheless spawned a stream of winners, led by the mighty

Zantac. Now there are: ☐ Zofran, the vomit-blocker for cancer sufferers. First-half sales are believed to have soared from £13 million to more than £100 million. ☐ Serevant, successor to the longrunning Ventolin anti-asthma treatment. Sales are said to be about to take off as national approvals start

☐ Imigran, the migraine crusher that was recommended in November by an advisory committee of the

US Food and Drug Administration. Analysts are also excited by a new family of drugs to combat anxiety. schizophrenia and memory deterio-ration. They may also help to ward off Alzheimer's disease.

So Glaxo's product portfolio is in robust health. Zantac faces an assault on its patent in three years. but supporters say the more important is a second patent not due to expire until 2002. "The single thing that will sustain a company like Glaxo is the quality of its technology." said Dr Mario.

But as Britain's homebuyers have discovered to their cost, nothing goes on rising for ever. Glaxo faces two main worries, both of which are feared just as much by its rivals: the deterioriation of the American economy and growing price-resistance by the world's health authorities.

No pharmaceutical company can ignore America. As Sir Paul said: "No other market was big enough to give the company the growth it needed. If we had not taken on that market and succeeded, then the group itself would not have succeeded and sooner or later we would

have been swallowed up." However, North America is succumbing to a recession that is beginning to look far worse than the United Kingdom's in some regions.

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Drugs companies have been protected by the fact that a patient's main concern is to be cured, and anyway insurance covers the cost. But when times are hard, more people are tempted to clip or even kill their medical cover. And, if the dollar continues to weaken. Glaxo's receipts will suffer a real problam.

In other countries, the danger is of health authority budgets being squeezed by hard-pressed govern-ments, including the United Kingdom's. Glaxo's success is built on doctors' widespread premise that the dearer a medicine, the better it must be. Indeed, in Asia many doctors earn commission from drug sales. But there are signs that pur-chasing managers are digging their heels in. This may be no more than a temporary difficulty — and one that. as one of the most efficient produc-

ers, Giaxo could even benefit from. Dr Mario's priority is to steer the company through these obstacles, preferably by pulling out of the hat another miracle drug at which no one will jib at paying top prices.

But James Culverwell and Nigel Barnes of Hoare Govert, two of the leading United Kingdom pharmaceuticals analysis, have signalled their concern by downgrading the shares from a buy to a hold. "An overweight position in Glaxo seems inappropriate at this stage in the economic cycle," they judge.

Sir Paul and Dr Mario will be

hoping that remains strictly a mi-



Virgin's Alma Mater

RICHARD Branson's early

days have finally caught up

with him. Richard Vickers, his prep school headmaster. aged 75, and now retired, this week publishes Nearly a Century, charting the history of Scatteliffe School, Surrey. According to Vickers, Branson's academic record was not exceptional. "He was a natural games player, a keen very exuberent personality. He was, I recall, quite a mischievous boy. The cane was applied in those days and I am certain he had the stick on a number of occasions. At the age of 12 he badly injured his knee in a first XI football match against St George's School. Windsor - so badly that he never played games again. He was not at all clever and needed some tutoring but eventually he got into Siowe. At that stage he was very frustrated because he could not play games so the headmaster very sensibly gave him the job of helping to edit a magazine. I think that probably started his career. I think he inherits his enormous energy through the female line. His grandmother was a friend of my mother's and she is still twinkling away in her nineties. His mother was an air hostess and a very go-ahead sort of person. His father was a much more easygoing sort". Despite the occasional caning. Branson's own memories of Scancliffe are very happy. In a letter, which is quoted in the book, he says: "It was the only part of my

enjoyed.

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Tiny's last round THE City has been saddened and gladdened to hear about the death of Bazeley George Turpin, known variously as Dick and, because of his small stature as a youth, as Tiny. Saddened because of his sudden passing, at the age of 68, but gladdened because it happened on the 18th hole of a golf course. "He took a keen interest in sports, especially football and golf. He was a founder member of the Stock Exchange Veterans Society, and his passing on the 18th hole of a golf course could hardly have been more fitting," says Nick Beaver, who worked with him at Teather & Greenwood for the past five years. "He was of the old 'My word is my bond' school." Turpin, who leaves a wife. Dorothy, a daughter and two sons, both of whom also work for Teather & Greenwood, was on holiday in Spain at the time. His City career began at Million Butler, were he spent 29 years, and still worked full time. His funeral is at St John's Church, Buckhurst Hill. Esschooling that I really sex, 12 noon tomorrow.

Culture shock THE success and stability of

Grand Metropolitan has

brought about the resigna-

tion of Tim Halford, its long-

time PR man. Halford says

the culture is no longer right for him, nor he for the culture. He will depart "by mutual agreement" at the end of March, after eight years with the company during which he has served both Sir Stanley Grinstead and Sir Allen Sheppard and the search is on for a successor. Halford, who celebrated his 45th birthday yesterday, was formerly PR adviser to the late Armand Hammer for 10 years. Married with three children, aged 20, 18 and 16, he has no clear idea what he will do next. Although PR is most likely, he also has a proven track record as an entrepreneur. A childrens' holiday company he started in his spare time with two friends was bought by Granada and now, with those same partners, he operates Crechendo. which provides gym facilities for children at London venues. He is also involved in a thespian project with Terry Jones, of Monty Python fame. to turn Garganiua and Pantagrael, the novel by the 15th century French doctor, lawyer and priest François Rabelais, into a medieval-spectacular for the West End stage.

A WOMAN rang the electricity board in Wellington when the New Zealand capital was hit by a power failure, asking what she should do. The voice at the other end advised: "Open wur freezer. Take out the ice cream. Eat it."

End of the recession in sight

BUSINESS LETTERS

From Mr John Ormiston Sir. We are a very small and a

very old established company, manufacturing speciality wires in many metals and many form's to a great number of different trades and industries in the United Kingdom and overseas.

The value of our order book, in common with most other manufacturing indus-tries, fell to a record low in November last year.

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panies cut their stocks down to a minimum, very wisely, over the last 18 months and it is now apparent to us that they are replenishing their stocks in view of the orders

they are receiving. Surely this is the beginning of the end of the recession, at least as far as we, and many other small manufacturers. are concerned. Yours faithfully,

JOHN ORMISTON (Chairman), Ormiston Wire Ltd, 1 Fleming Way, Womon Road, Middlesex.

Training patterns From Mr Derek Drake

Sir. The question of training generally and budget cuts can quite easily be overcome if the government followed the examples of Australia and

In these countries the equivalent of corporation tax is levelled at a certain percentage. One per cent of that can be deducted and spent on training and if companies do not do so then they have to pay the original level of tax. Michael Heseltine advocat-

ed the same policy on the runup to the leadership ballot but the government consistently refuses to consider this. Yours faithfully.

DEREK E. DRAKE MITD. 4 Whitchurch Avenue. Bruadstone, Dorset.

Backing Britain From Mr.D.C. Hedley

Sir. How I respect and admire Mr Roy Jenkins, His letter (February 12) emphasising his CAROL LEONARD pride in being British was

music to my ears, l. too, extol the virtues of everything British. I. 100. have always bought British cars. I. too. fought for six years to liberate Europe 50 years ago. Sadly, what do many of our countrymen and women do now? Buy foreign goods when equivalent British goods are available! I wouldn't advocate that official government policy be isolationism and protectionism (wouldn't be cricket would in but surely our pride and loyaln could be swayed towards buying British by politicians persuasions (verbal or by declared example) so that our country's industries and employment are where they should be - at the top of the league. Trade unionists and management associations should similarly advocate the "British" policy.

The association in question should be re-named "Institute of Management for the British and their policies and energies should be directed accordingly.

Yours faithfully. D.C. HEDLEY. 40 Hanford Road. Darlington. Co Durham.

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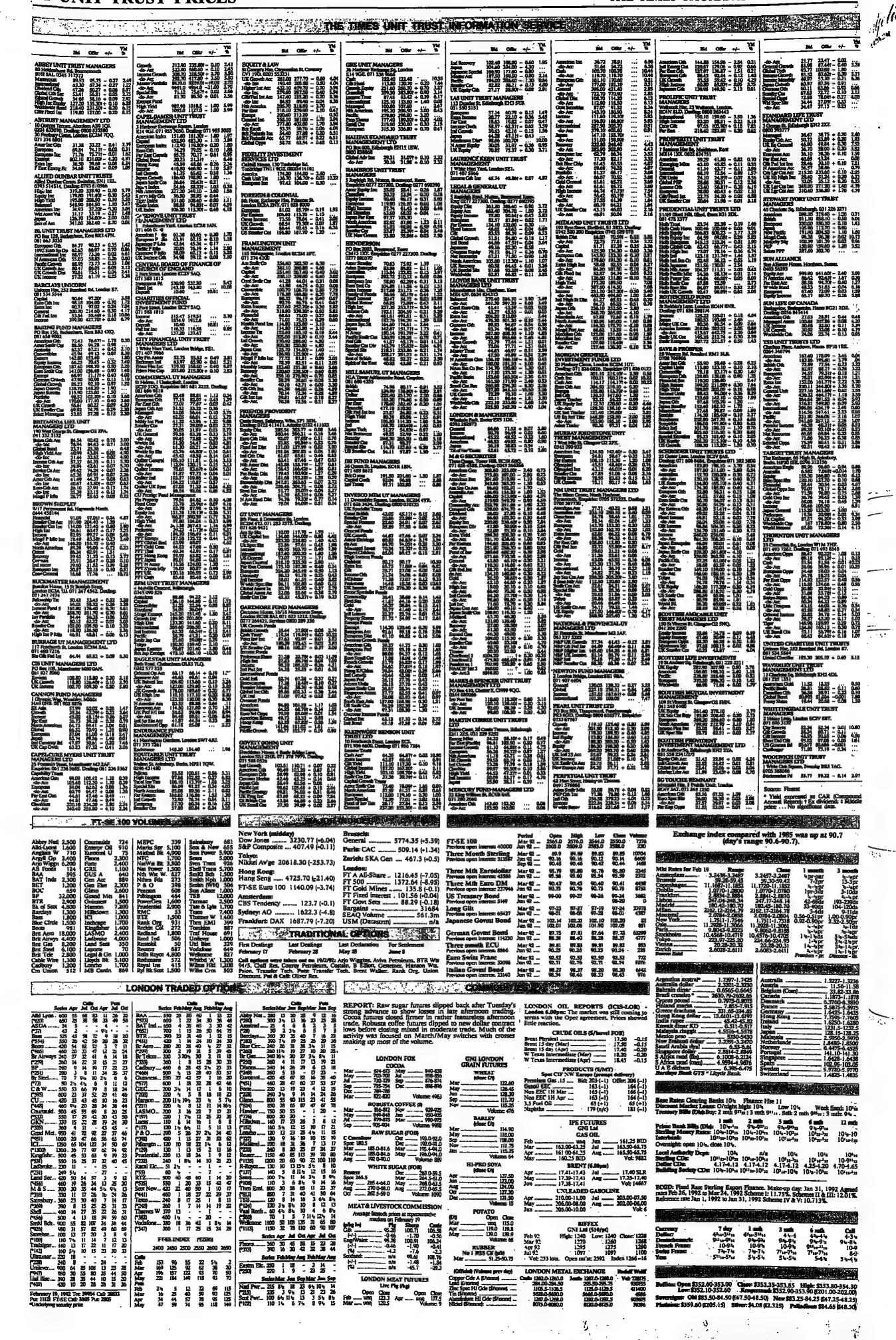
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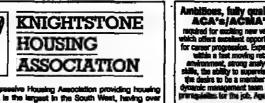
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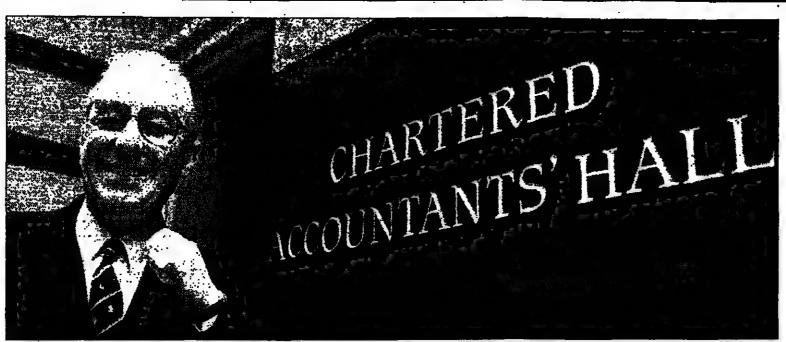
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"The effects of redundancy cannot be overstated": Ian McNeil says job clubs can offer a sympathetic approach and practical help

Guidance in the quest for work

Ian McNeil looks at the changing job market and

suggests redundant accountants should 'join the club'

ntil recent months. "redundant chartered accountant would have sounded like an oxymoron on a par with "Lebanese government and "British Rail sleeper". However, chartered accountants, whose qualification has been perceived as a guarantee of employment, are suffering along with many other professionals. The current recession, as well as causing management job losses in those industries more traditionally vulnerable, has penetrated deeply into the commercial sectors, including financial services, and even the chartered accountants' domain,

public practice. Estimates of the numbers of unemployed chartered accountants have been put at 2,500 to 3,000. This includes a considerable number of newly qualified members who, until 1990, were snapped up in the job market. At the other end, senior company directors and partners in practice, who had every right to feel they had a job and financial security for life, are, for the first time, finding that their "services are no longer required".

The potential effects of redundancy on an individual cannot be overstated. It can be traumatic. Initial intensement and rejection are quite usual, followed by a loss of self-esteem and deflation, leading, sometimes, to despondency and depression. It is hardly surprising that job loss ranks highly as a personal stress experience, particu-larly if coupled with a period of financial difficulty. This at a time when the individuals concerned need to marshail their thoughts and channel their energies into the considerable efforts needed to find a

new position. Job search is a job in itself, which, for most, requires a knowledge and expertise that many don't pos-

sess naturally. About one in five redundant accountants are fortunate enough to be given professional "out-placement" assistance from a career counselling firm paid for by their last employer. Of the rest, a small number purchase the same services from their own funds, but, for quality assistance with continuing support, the costs are high.

In response to this sinuation, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales has channelled extra resources into Chartac Recruitment, its free counselling and appointments service, in order to expand its activities and mount new initiatives to provide unemployed members with the guidance, information and support they require. How is this done? First. Chartac Recruitment's consultants are there as an imme-

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Chartac Recruitment has prepared a range of booklets and information sheets, ranging

from matters such as CV presentation and interview technique to job sources and preparation of approach letters. For newly qualified members who, in these leaner times, require specific career advice to complement their job search, seminars are held at about the time the institute's final examinations resuits are published.

For all unemployed members we have been arranging seminars regularly at venues around the country. These cover the basic requirements and techniques needed in effective job search. An interactive approach with participants is encouraged, so that individuals' needs and experiences can be shared.

Through all the advice provided, our consultants place particular emphasis on the need for members to realise that, through a professional self-marketing exercise, they will need to identify, arid often "create"; opportuwhere appropriate, by under-taking direct approaches to potential employers.

All that is invaluable, but how is morale and motivation maintained over what, for most, will be many months of unemployment? One partial answer is the establishment of job clubs. Chartac Recruitment, in conjunction with the institute's district societies network, is establishing ven-

regularly to exchange ideas and information.

The psychological fact of "I'm not alone" is a boost in itself. Getting away from the feeling of isolation and gaining and giving support are important, bearing in mind that "quick" success (applicable to about 30 per cent) in finding a job is three to six months. Of the 1,000 members of Chartac Recruitment's appointment register at present, about 20 per cent have been unemployed for more than 12 months.

The format of a job club is that each member joining will, either through a meeting with a Chartac Recruitment consultant or by attending a seminar, have gained an un-derstanding of the require-ments of their job search. The job club, which is chaired by one of the participants, provides a forum for mutual help, support and advice. For example, specific sessions have been held constructively

criticising each other's CVs. Useful information is often imparted by way of snippets: a recent example was a member able to provide an insight and the type of background short-listed for an advertised post of bursar (a position that appeals to many). One member found a position through a fellow "job clubber" providing a dient contact relevant to her expertise. Another was able to encourage others by reporting that he had recerved two interview offers from a batch of about 500 letters he wrote between

the source of one particularly positive initiative. Forming a consortium under the name "Accountants Direct", they are actively marketing themselves for temporary assignments through an extensively mailed bulletin summarising their individual backgrounds and experience. All the members have contributed to the development of the proposal, including establishing the client database. The "sense of purpose" of this exercise has

proved an excellent stimulus. With job clubs now being established in various parts of the country, such ideas can be exchanged and improved on by Chartac Recruitment, acting as a clearing house and catalyst.

All this assistance is provided free for members. In 1992. the road to employment is expected to continue to be long and hard, but at least temporarily redundant chartered accountants can join

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Running scared of complex rules

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FOR SOME reason, analysis are wary of accounting rules. They are happy to put out sector is in a dreadful state and the fashion is umpteen research documents describing what companies have told them at recent meetings and spice this up with their own views or statistics. But it is rare to find a research document that takes the published figures and argues that the accounting rules have been flouted or that the rules are. perhaps, wrong and produce misleading

So when the news came through the grapevine that Bardays de Zoete Wedd had produced a research document on precisely this topic, there was great excitement. Sadly, as we now know, the result was the dampest

of squibs.
What BZW did was produce a report that took two of the proposed new standards from the Accounting Standards Board — on the presentation of the profit and loss

account and on accounting for financial instruments - and assessed what effect they would have on the accounts of five companies: British Airways, Fisons, Ladbroke, P&O and Cable and Wireless. The result, as you might expect, was critical, and the report was withdrawn. The problem. as BZW put it, was that "some comments in that report were capable of misunderstanding and that this "may have given rise to an inaccurate perception of the financial position of these companies". This is sad. Companies need more analysis and need to be kept on their toes. With a new financial reporting regime flexing its muscles, it would help companies as much as their

shareholders and the regulators to focus clearly on the issues involved. The sadness is that debacles such as the BZW effort will discourage other analysts from producing the required research.

The last remotely comparable piece of work appeared a year ago. UBS Phillips and Drew produced a research paper, Accounting For Growth. This reviewed ten years of what was euphemistically called "accounting innovation". It detailed the ways in which an alliance of fund managers and bonus and share option-driven managements kept the

"The answer that many came across," it said. "involved complex accounting procedures which allowed the all-important earnings per share growth to be reported while retaining a clean audit report." It went on to detail the accounting tricks and finished off on a moralistic note, which explained that "the name of the game is making sure that your funds are not invested in the next accounting nightmare".

This, presumably, was also what BZW had in mind when it planned its abortive report. The problem is that high-flown stuff

sector is in a dreadful state and the fashion is for hair shirts all round. What is forgotten is that back in the mid-Eighties, the word in the City was that if companies were not using appropriately fancy footwork in the accounting policy field then their share prices would be marked down accordingly.

With some luck and a strong regulatory framework, it may well be that come the next boom, if it ever materialises, analysts will cry out that some companies are pushing their accounting "innovations" to the limit and should be avoided. Somehow, though, I doubt it.

What is needed is a much greater depth of understanding by analysts of what is involved. It is a topic that is not much discussed. Certainly, the large audit firms believe that their strength in keeping wayward clients in line would be much

helped if analysis paid more attention to how the accounting policies and their changes alter the perception rather than the reality of a company's performance. Ten years ago, a reasearch study appeared en-titled The Institutional In-vestor and Financial Information. It was written by Tom Lee and David Tweedie, then-stalwarts of the Edinburgh accounting community. The irony is that this same Tweedie is now the man in charge of the Accounting Standards Board. whose new rules were at the root of the BZW report. The book was the second that Lee and Tweedie had written. The first had dealt with how far private shareholders understood published financial information. The conclusion to that book

could be summed up simply as "not a lot". The study of institutional investors might, however, have been expected to come up with a more heartening message. It did not. It concluded: "In relation to traditional reporting practice, the overall levels of understanding were not as high as might have been expected from financial experts. Accounting reminology and financial ratios were particularly disappointing in that respect. Respondents' answers, despite prompting by the Interviewers, were characterised by vagueness, with a sizeable

number of respondents obviously having a poor or no understanding of many of the topics concerned." It would be good to think that in the intervening ten years everything has changed. But as long as analysts produce hardly any reports on financial reporting practices, or withdraw them as soon as companies bark back, then it would be safe

to assume that levels of understanding are The author is the Associate Editor of Accountancy Age.

such as self-employment. ues throughout the country March and August last year. WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY The London job club was To back up this service, where members can meet Fines pose fresh threat to firms By GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR thur Young partners pales before the £273,000 charged to Price Waterhouse five years ago over affairs of the former Bryanston Finance, an enquiry that. THE £100,000 fine imposed on part-Arthur Young of some of his complaints and clearing some individuals criticised in the inspectors' report of any profes-sional blame. ners of the former Arthur Young by the accountancy profession's disciplinary system may seem to pose a new financial threat to accountancy firms already The judgments held other curiosities. likewise, followed a trade and industry The enquiry cleared the two audit partners directly concerned from any profesdepartment inspectors' report. That was all described as a contribution to facing enormous civil claims when they are involved in companies that go sional blame while upholding com-plaints against their firm, mainly, it seems, because the two followed the fees, including the costs of appeal. The The case was, however, somewhat un-Arthur Young partners judiciously detided not to go ahead with an appeal, though they had given formal notice of usual. It followed a trade and industry firm's procedures and consulted their department inspectors' report into Milbury, one of the companies formerly partners. This will surely carry a mess-The power of precedent in this case may, however, be limited because the disciplinary system is due to change again soon. Under the new proposals. controlled by Jim Raper, which was age for all auditors who have partners to critical not only of auditors but also, Arthur Young must also pay £40,000 towards the enquiry's £200,000 costs. Since none of the six individuals also investigated was asked to contribute. more damningly, a wide range of City worthies from the Stock Exchange to which have been generally welcomed and will soon be sent out for approval. the Takeover Panel that were not subject to professional peril. The report virtually obliged the Instithe joint disciplinary scheme will be a the inquisitorial enquiry will disappear. A legal officer will be appointed to conduct investigations, somewhat in tute of Chartered Accountants to take net £60,000 out of pocket. The fine is

who by the time the enquiry got into full swing, had become president of the institute. This did not, however, influence the enquiry away from clearing **Flawed** office?

action by referring all members criti-cised to the executive of the joint disci-

plinary scheme. As it happens, the

chartered accountant in that two-man

team of inspectors was Michael Lickiss.

wrong.

THE Serious Fraud Office may be coming in for a lot of criticism, but help is at hand. It has decided training is needed and has received authorisation to train chartered accountants under the training outside public practice scheme. Only seven other organisations in the country have been approved. Phil Armitage, director of education and training, says the ICA's standards are high. "I imagine that the SFO's trainces will be exposed to a very rich and varied experience. he adds. "The SFO has satisfied our guidelines and we are confident that the experience they offer will be very good." So, will there now be trainee sleuths pursuing a

paper trail across the City of London? Perhaps bringing some naive minds into detective work may be more productive than the exhaustively subtle brains they've got

the highest ever.



Media mania

ACCOUNTANTS have always been rather ambivalent about recruiting graduates who have done nothing but working there now.

That does not mean much, however,

because committees of enquiry were

only empowered to fine firms, as opposed to individual chartered accoun-

tants, from 1989 on cases referred thereafter. The Milbury case was one of

Overall, the £140,000 charged to Ar-

accountancy during their time at university, but that doesn't stop people applying for the courses. According to figures from The Universities Central Council on Admissions, the number of applicants for accountancy courses this autumn has increased more than 10 per cent. Whilst university applications are up all round, this is a greater increase than any of the comparable professions. Perhaps the most significant figure is media studies, which rose 67 per cent. No doubt many of these students will

subsequently enter accountancy, and given the amount of media attention accountants are getting these days, that is probably just as well.

the manner of the Serious Fraud Office.

and prepare charges to be sent to a tribunal to pass judgment. This could affect the level of fines. Senior partners may, therefore, view with mixed feelings

the possibility that the new prosecutor

may have no better success rate than

Legal hitch

ALTHOUGH accountants going to work for lawyers has always seemed like a minor form of treason, Colin Wardale, formerly with Arthur Andersen, claims he feels comfortable in his new job at Addleshaw Sons & Latham, the Manchester law firm. So, can accountants learn anything from lawyers? Mr Wardale would not admit any deficiency in his native profession, but conceded that accountants might have something to learn when it came to "attention to detail". With Andersens still concerned with De Lorean, that may be a shrewd observation.

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World Cup holders embarrassed

Border troubled by the state of Australian attack

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN SYDNEY

ENGLAND'S World Cup ambitions were further nourished yesterday by an unusual show of Australian self-doubt. Three days before they open their defence of the cup in Auckland, the Australians have begun to wonder if they are quite ready for it all.

It seemed fitting that Allan Border had just disembarked from a frigate carrying guided missiles when he began speaking of his bowlers' sense of direction in disparaging

Border broke off from a day devoted to photo-calls, flagwaving and briefings for the entire World Cup cast to voice his concerns. The subject was the previous day's warm-up match, in which New South Wales would have beaten an embarrassed national team but for losing three wickets to the last three balls of the game with the scores tied.

The traditions of this newspaper prevent repetition of the exact phrase used by the Australian captain to describe the bowling which led to this remarkable tie. Suffice it to say he was blunt about the standard and that his remarks, by inference, were directed more at Craig McDermott, Mery Hughes and Mike Whitney than at

Sydney: England's success In New Zealand has seen them

being heavily backed in Aus-

tralia to win the World Cup.

From 8-1, their odds have

been cut by bookmakers here

to 7-2 second favourites, be-

hind Australia, after their 2-0

success in the three-match

Test series and 3-0 whitewash

The loss of their fast bowler,

Waqar Younis, with a back injury, has led to Pakistan's

odds drifting to 9-2, while

West Indies, twice World Cup

9-1, South Africa 12-1, New

Zealand 20-1, Sri Lanka 100-

England's opening match is against India in Perth on

Saturday, and India will not

be in the best of spirits, ac-

cording to their captain, Mo-

hammad Azharuddin. His

squad has been in Australia

for three months, playing a

live-match Test series, the tri-

angular World Series compe-

of New Zealand in one-day

internationals.

TOMORROW

The Times presents a full guide to the World Cup. Alan Lee, John Woodcock and Peter Roebuck set the scene for the tournament, while a team-by-team guide is accompanied by fixtures, averages and statistics

Bruce Reid, whose figures of four for 37 were a solitary

Each of the other three fast bowlers conceded more than 60 runs, and while McDermott had the excuse of returning from a virus, the destruction of their main attacking bowlers, even by fellow Australians, came as an unpleasant surprise to

"It reminded us that we haven't played any one-day cricket for a month," he said. "We need to focus our minds again. Generally we were just too sloppy, but it was a useful workout in that it showed us what work we still need to

Border had initially expressed reservations about the plan to play a final warmup game tomorrow, against Auckland, only 24 hours before the opening World Cup fixture. Now, however, he concedes it will be valuable "to complete the fine-tuning".

tition and World Cup warm-

up games, and is now suf-

fering from frustration and

Azharuddin said India had

made a mistake by staying in

Australia rather than making

a brief return home. "The

tour has now been going three months," he said. "It's a

long time, the longest tour

i've ever been on."

Khan and Javed Miandad, of Pakistan, will have played five - Border seems once more to have shelved thoughts of retirement

A year ago, he was talking uncertainly of his future but now, at 36, he seems as enthusiastic as ever. Bob Simpson, the team manager, said: "I don't know how long he will go on, but you can certainly expect to see him in England again in 1993. He wasn't making many runs last year, which coloured his judgment, but now that he is batting well again I see no reason for him to think of stopping. He still enjoys it and he is still good for the

After a publicity trip around Sydney harbour, Border and his eight rival captains lined up before a huge media contingent and heard Malcolm Gray, joint chairman of the World Cup committee, announce that the competition was already a guaranteed financial success.

We are ahead of our budget on ticket sales," Gray said, "but it should not be assumed that there will necessarily be any substantial profits. Direct costs of more than \$Aus 10 million (£4.3 million) have now been covered and when everything is totted up there might be a little bit over

West Indies, who surpris-

to the Caribbean to regroup

before returning for the

World Cup.
Meanwhile, the New Zea-

land captain, Martin Crowe, said he was only 50 per cent

fit and was "no certainty" to

play in all eight of his team's

Crowe injured his right

knee during New Zealand's

final one-day international against England last week.

and has also been suffering

Crowe said the injury was

hampering his running, but he would definitely play in the

opening match of the tourna-

ment, against Australia in

Chris Cowdrey, who was released by Kent last year, has

joined Glamorgan on a one-

D Northamptonshire have

awarded Robert Bailey a ben-

efit in 1993. (Agencies)

Auckland on Saturday.

si-round matches.

from dizzy spells.

year contract.

Odds shorten on England

last August and also in the Champions Trophy in Berlin in September. Pakistan themselves will strive for a rousing start before a vast ingly falled to qualify for the World Series final, returned home crowd. Their attack is led by Shahbaz Ahmed, one of the fastest and most skilful inside forwards in the world

Australia.

Seoul. After a rest tomorrow, Britain will face Germany on Saturday and Australia on

GREAT BRITAIN (probable): 8 Rowlands (Hevest); 8 March (Holywood 97); P Bolled (Houselow), J Protes (Houselow), J Luster (Bourslow), D Luster (Houselow), D Williams (Hawmi), R Gercle (Houselow), D Williams (Hawmi), R Gercle

HOCKEY

Pakistan present daunting opener

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN KARACHI

GREAT Britain begin another period of evaluation and assessment here today with a formidable test against Pakistan in their opening match in the Champions Trophy tournament.

There appears to be no problem about the choice of lefenders and half backs, but the forward line leaves room for speculation. Sean Kerly's experience makes him an automatic choice at centre forward, but the question of where Robert Thompson will play has to be answered. The choice lies between outside left or using him as a tactical substitute later for Kerly. Jason Lee seems a suitable choice at outside left and Williams will probably start at outside right, leaving



Kerly: experienced

Mayer with the chance of replacing him as a substitute. Britain face a daunting task against Pakistan, who beat them twice in England

Six matches in increasing heat and humidity during the week-long tournament will severely test the physical powers of the British team. A medal from this punishing rournament has eluded them since 1985, when the silver was secured in Perth,

Since then, the results have been depressing, but, after finishing last at Lahore in 1988, Britain went on to win the Olympic gold medal in

SPORTS LETTERS

Need for post-mortems From Professor D. F. Kelly

Sir. Your account (February 17) of the deaths of two chasers while point-to-point-ing at Wetherby raises again several questions about the causes of sudden death in trained horses. Both are reported to have died of suspected heart failure and one wonders whether full postmortem examinations were carried out by veterinary pa-

thologists in an attempt to

define the causes of death.

While some of the causes of sudden death in fit borses are: well known to veterinary pathologists, it is clear that some such deaths are not satisfactorily explained. Unformnately, too many are never investigated to acceptable standards

Injury research From Mr Peter J. Banyard Sir, Mr T. P. Casey (Sports Letters, February 13) is quite right that rugby, in common with other sports, does produce disastrous and permanent disability for a small number of the participants.

He is also correct in urging know, rugby is not the only sporting authorities and the sport which produces spinal public to look to medical science to rescue paralysed sportsmen from a lifetime in a wheelchair. This trust exists to support the research he commends, and we have high hopes that we shall be able to design effective treatment for paraplegia by the end of this

Women's games

From Ms K. Sinderson Sir, I was interested to read (February 14) that cricket might be considered for indusion in the Commonwealth Games. Considering the drawbacks to this propos al which were mentioned. such as the availability of players and the fact that cricket competitions already proliferate, why not include a tournament for women rather than yet another for men? Women's cricket aiready Each host city is allowed to holds a European Cup and a Commonwealth competition

include a sport of its own would seem a natural corollary. It would give the wom-en's game a higher profile and would go some way to redressing the automatic numerical bias in favour of men's events at all multi-Old Clee, Grimsby, sports contests. Commonwealth

Play on words From Mr S. Hugh-Jones

Sir, The compiler of the Guinness Book of Curlous Phrases seeks a term for the taking of four wickets in four ary 13).

I suggest a "howard" or maybe a "fillip". No doubt there are grander claimants. but since it is from The Times that help is sought, let us honour your linguistic colum-. nist, whom I saw perform this feat 40 years ago. And three of his victims were members

As a matter of observation, organic heart disease is uncommon as a cause of sudden death in horses and this emphasises the importance of having post-mortem examinations carried out by profes-

sional veterinary pathologists. This is important (a) to understand the causes of possibly preventable sudden death and (b) to provide a medical basis for answering criticisms of racing by those who object to the use of animals for sport or other forms of entertainment.

sumed heart failure.

Yours sincerely, D. F. KELLY, Department of Veterinary Pathology. University of Liverpool PO Box 147, Liverpool.

We are dependent on public subscription for the money with which we finance re-search work, and would welcome contributions from tugby football unions around the world, just as we have already been assisted by the English and Scottish unions. As horsemen and swimmers

Yours faithfully PETER J. BANYARD, Research Director, International Spinal Research Trust, Unit 7, Bramley Business Centre, Station Road, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey.

Games have traditionally eschewed team sports in order to avoid the less welcome aspects of nationalistic fervour evident at less "friendly" games. But if this scruple is to be discarded, another obvious candidate to give women a greater share of the sporting cake would be netball, a Commonwealth sport if ever there was one, and at which the home nations compete as separate teams, as required in Commonwealth Games com-

choosing to be part of its Commonwealth Games programme. Are there any takers for the two I have suggested? Yours faithfully, KATHARINE SINDERSON, 15 Clea Crescent.

Lincolnshire of no mean school XI (as he

was not).
At least I think I saw it. because your Mr Howard, until his triumph, was bowiing fast indeed but short to a batsman, a future captain of wielded a feroclous pull and my viewpoint was extremely short leg.

STEPHEN HUGH-JONES. 97 Abbey House, Garden Road, NW8.

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 071-782 5046.

Cameras will follow news

From Mr Giles Firbank Sir, Micky Stewart's wrath about intrusive cameras focusing on David Lawrence's injured plight (report, February 11) may or may not be understandable

.He should know anyway that, where events can be deemed newsworthy, cameras will always whirr - at gravesides in the aftermath of funerals, at wounded soldiers on Kuwaiti battlefields last year, or at Soviet tanks in Wenceslas Square (doubtless causing consternation to Soviet soldiery) in 1968. Besides, if Stewart's conduct becomes allowable, then any cameraman anywhere can be

assailed by anybody. Moreover, it seems very obvious that Stewart was contravening cricket's own code of conduct that mem-bers of the England touring

team should not intimidate or attempt to intimidate speci-

Your picture of Stewart, with his forefinger prodded into the chest of the cameraman, speak volumes about gradle hine or

his histrionics. One might well suppose that in the UK all can be overlooked for the state of expediency and unity; but should the New Zealand publie not have had a proper justification for these tawdry acts, plus a full apology? And not just some weasel-worded statement of nebulous regret in which, incidentally, Stewart's name was not even once mentioned?

Yours faithfully GILES FIRBANK, Nutshalling. Norlands Drive, Otterbourne. Winchester, Hampshire,

All-seat concern From Mr Scott White

Sir. I read with some concern the views of Chief Superintendent Crawford concerning all-seat stadiums (Sports Letters, February 13). Their imposition on the paying public will not increase safety, in exactly the same way that identity cards would not have affected hooliganism. The only solutions to these problems are those that have as complete backing as possible from those who pay at the

Terracing is the preferred choice of the fans. They can be made safe by sensible capacities being decided upon, by effective partitioning and stewarding with plentiful crush barriers, by the complete removal of cag-ing and fencing, and, lastly, through the intelligent pollo-ing of matches, by which I mean the delaying of kick-offs if there is some hold-up outside a ground and the use of cordons to avoid the congestion caused by ticketless spectators milling around grounds at big games.

I am also a little worrled at the reasoning behind the widepsread support the allseat idea holds with police forces. I suspect that this arises not from a genuine concern for safety, although I am sure this exists, but from an anti-hooligan standpoint. The police have been very slow to realise that the vast majority of violent outbreaks occur, away from football

Fair game

Sir. The players at Mr John Michuki's Kenyan golfing paradise (report, February 12) will, I suspect, enjoy an easier game than their intrepid forefathers.

A report in our May 1941 issue described the somewhat challenging North Lake Rudolf Course, whose first hole ran from "the Abyssinian frontier to the Lakitaung Boma, a distance of 27

stadiums and their immediate environs. Trouble flares at the station, on the under-ground or in city centre public houses. Hooliganism was always a much overstated tarnish on the game of football. It is a social problem, which manifests itself in trib-

alism and gang warfare. The wave of optimism oor ing through the football world, and the common bond experienced by the vast majority of soccer lovers, has resulted in the huge reduction in large-scale incidents in football. Individual clubs, the police, as well as Joe Bloggs. have done their part to foster a new attitude and this must be maintained and enhanced by all those with a real interest in the sport.

By mentioning the United States as some kind of torch-bearer, Mr Crawford should be aware of the overwhelming middle-class nature of spectator sport over the Atlantic. If Mr Crawford sees the gentrification of football in this country as an answer to safety, he risks the alienation of the average supporter, and future of football as a communal amenity. This is a high price, and not one I believe will carry a great deal of support from administrators.

supporters and players. Yours faithfully. S. WHITE, Garthside. Garth Heads Road, Appleby in Westmorland, Cumbria.

From Mr Alah Guthrie

Local rules stated that "if a leopard is seen approaching. the game may be held up indefinitely" and that "if a goat should eat the ball, another may be dropped

No. doubt Mr Michuki knows of a good fencing

Yours faithfully.
ALAN GUTHRIE, Editor, Parks, Golf Courses & Sports Grounds, 61 London Road,

Court of Appeal

Law Report February 20 1992

Queen's Bench Divisional Court John Court

Local authorities cannot sue in libel

Derbyshire County Council v Times Newspapers Ltd and Others

Before Lord Justice Balcombe. Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Butter-Sloss Undement February 191 A local government authority

its governing or administrative reputation when no actual financial loss was alleged, nor-with tanding the general urinciple that a corporation, shether trading or non-trading. could do so to protect its reput ation where that reputation was capable of being damaged by a

clamatory statement. Individuals within the authority osuld sue for libel, but were a public authority to have such a right, that would stiffe legitimate public enticism of its activities and impose an added restriction was unnecessary in a democratic

The Court of Appeal so held in a teserved judgment when it allowed the appeal of Times Newspapers Ltd. Mr Andrew Neill, Miss Rosemary Collins and Mr Peter Hounam, against the pudgment of Mr Justice Morland (The Times April 8 [190], [190]] 4 All LR 795] when he found in favour of the council on a prelimi nary point, namely whether the council could maintain an action tor libel for any words which reflected upon it as the county council for Derbyshire in relation to its governmental and administrative functions in Derbyshire. including its statutory reponsibility for the investment and control of the superannua-

tion fund Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Mr Desmond Browne, QC for the appellants: Mr Alan Newman, QC and Mr Anthony White for

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that in two issues of The Sunday Times on September 17 and 24. [489 were articles questioning the propriety of certam investments involving the council's superannuation fund

vealed: socialist tycoon's deals with a Labour chief", "Bizarre deals of a council leader and media tycoon" and "Council share deals under scrutiny". The council leader was David Melvyn Bookbinder and the media tycoon eas Owen Owton.

Azharuddin: mistake

and Mr Oyston brought actions Mr Oyston being settled un October 7, 1991, after a statement in court and payment of damages. The remaining actions, in which the claims were almost identical, were stayed pending the outcome of the present

emporation created by royal char-ter clearly could sue for libel to protect its trading reputation: Metropolitan Saloon Omnibus

The Divisional Court reasoning unconvincing. was wholly

His Lordship found that it was established from the authorities that any corporation, whether corporate reputation as distinct from that of its members which was capable of being damaged by a defamatory statement, could suc in libel to protect that reputaton. and that principle was in acenreance with good sense.

Convention for the Protection of

Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (Cmd 8969), and arti-cle 19 of the United Nations The council. Mr Bookbinder

119911 AC 6961 proceedings. His Lordship said that a

Co v Hawkins ((1859) 4 H&N Munchester Corporation v Wil-liams ([1891] 1 QB 94) had concluded that an action for libel was not maintainable by the municipal authority but its

The authorities were reviewed h, Mr Justice Browne in Bognor Regis I rban District Council v Campion ([1972] 2 QB 109) who concluded that a local authority had a governing reputation which was entitled to protection in the same way as a trading

corporation. However, the judge did not consider whether his decision had any effect on the right to freedom of expression, doubtless because the point was not taken before him That case had been followed in other common law jurisdictions in Canada and Australia.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Cmnd 67(12), expressed an absolute right, the right to freedom of expression. Although not incorrated into English law it could be resorted to in order to help resolve some uncertainty of ambiguity in municipal law: R v Secretary of State for the Home Department. Ex parte Brind

In the present case, the English law was uncertain and Mr Justice Morland was wrong to conclude otherwise. He was faced with two conflicting decisions, the Manchester Corporation and Bogner Regrs cases There was no Court of Appeal or House of Lords decision on the point.

The court was in a position to define the extent of the common law tor in such a way as not to

law tort in such a way as not to require a positive amendment of the law by Parliament. The court could and should consider the effect of article 10. The right to freedom of expression included freedom to impair information and ideas without interference by

public authority The court was required to alance the right to freedom of expression and such restrictions as were necessary in a democratic society for the protection of a nontrading corporation which was also a public authority. If the council could sue for libel so could other government departments with corporate status: for examplc, the secretaries of state for defence, education and science,

environment and social services. The law reports in the United Kingdom and other jurisdictions contained many statements emphasisme the importance of the right in a democratic society to be able to criticise freely the conduct of affairs by public authorities. In the United States it had long been held that a municipal authority could not sue in the tort of libel: see, for example, Clty of Chicago v Tribune Co ((1928) 139 NE 86) and New York Times v Sullivan ((1964) 376 US 254). If a corporate authority was unable to sue for libel it was. however, by no means without a remedy: first, its actions would necessarily be those of its officers since, beng a legal licton, it could only act through the in-strumentality of human beings.

It was not without significance that Mr Bookbinder's action for libel was based on the same complaints as those made by the In an appropriate case the public authority might be able to secure the institution of a prosecu-tion for criminal libel. Finally, it

might have an action for malicious falsehood. Bearing in mind the words of arncle 10(2), the right to sue for malicious falsehood gave to a corporate public authority all corporate public authority air such rights as were necessary in democratic society, that is, for which there existed a pressing social need, for the protection of its reputation, to hid not need, for that protection, to have the right to see in defendance and thereby

to sue in defamation and thereby be able to stille legitimate public ernicism of its activities.

Accordingly, the right to free-dom of expression did affect the position where the non-trading corporation was a public authority, and the council could not maintain an action for libel for the county council for Derbyshire in relation to its governmental and administrative functions in Derbyshire, including its statutory responsibility for the investand control of the

superannuation fund. LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON, agreeing, said that to allow a local government au-thority to sue for libel would impose a substantial restriction

on freedom of expression. The ability to take such proceedings might well restrict or prevent public discussion of matters of public importance despite the willingness of any person wishing to take part in that discussion to take every reasonable precaution to avoid defamatory imputation against any identifiable individual. On the other hand it was

necessary in a democratic society

for a local government authority

its property and reputation.

A case might arise in which the reputation of a local authority might be damaged so as to impair its function for the public good, in which no private individual was defamed, and in which the the

public interest would be served by the taking of proceedings by the local authority to determine the falsity of the charge. Nevertheless, to allow the au-thority to sue for libel would impose an added burden and substantial restriction on freedom ability of individual officers to sue for libel and the authority itself to sue for malicious falsehood, could

not be regarded as necessary in our democratic society. Lord Justice Butler-Sloss delly ered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Biddle & Co: Kingsford Stacey for Mr D. W.

undivided attention Regina v Marylebone Mag-Istrates Court, Ex parte Perry and Others

Judgment February 7 There was a fundamental judicial duty to give a case undivided outention. When a magistrate warrant forms there was an apparent unfairness in the con-duct of the trial.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court to held in quashing the convictions before Mr Jeffrey Magistrate, at Marylebone Mag istrates Court on April 27, 1990 of Timothy Perry, Andre Schott,

conduct contrary to section 5(1) of

Bench must give trials

the Public Order Act 1986. Mr Adrian Fulford, who did Before Lord Justice Munn and not appear below, for Perry, Schott and Wynter: Mr Nigel Mr Justice Brooke Pleming for Mr Noel: Mr Aftab Jafferjee for the Crown; the remaining applicants did not appear and were not represented.

> the applicants had been among a group of anti-apartheid deminstrators who had invaded the pitch at a cricket match between Middlesex Northamptonshine.

At their trial counsel had indicated his intention to call a series of witnesses to describe the evils of apartheid, arguing that

LORD JUSTICE MANN said

Evidence not necessary in time limit extension cases

Regina v Norwich Crown Court. Ex parte Parker and Another Before Lord Justice Nolan and

Mr Justice Jowin

Judgment February 51 When, in an application for an extension of a custody time limit, the court was called upon to consider whether the prosecution had acted with all due expedition. it was not called upon to hear evidence concerning the manner

in which preparations for the committal had been conducted

since the question was one solely

for the judge's or justices discretion. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when relusing the application of Simon Parker and David Ward for judicial review to set aside the dismissal by Judge Woodford on November 15. 1991 at Norwich Crown Court of their appeal against the extension

November 5 or the custody time limit under section 22(3)(b) of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 and the Prosecution of Offences tions (\$1 1987 No 299).

Mr Justin Wigoder for the applicants; Mr Charles Kellett for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE JOWITT said a delay had occurred in respect of a medical report being prepared for the prosecution and a confusion had then arisen as a result of which it was alleged that the prosecution had, in reporting the state of affairs, unwittingly misled

The judge had held on appeal that there was no necessity for evidence to be called when considering the extension of the time limit and the applicants chal-

His Lordship said that when tion had acred with all due

required to approach the case as though that was the only question it was concerned with. Whether the prosecution acted with due expedition meant due expedition

in the circumstances. One circumstance was the effect on custody of the prosecution plan, in this case to get the prosecution to such a state of preparation that the defendants' advisers would have sufficient time to decide whether to proceed with a committal under section 6(1) or (2) of the Magistrates

Courts Act 1980. Therefore all due expedition was directed to achieving a situa-tion so that if the defendant chose a paper committal that could rocced within the custody time

Lord Justice Nolan delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Kenneth Bush & Co. King's Lynn; CPS, Norwich.

those justified the applicants'

Reluctantly, the magistrate had allowed one of the applicants, Mr. Perry, to give such evidence. After listening for a time, the mag-istrate had sald that he intended to "improve the shining hour". He had left the court to fetch some warrants, and for the next 10 or

15 minutes had signed those while listening to the evidence.

It is Lordship said that just as there was a judicial duty to avoid actual or apparent bias there was also a judicial duty to give the case undivided attention. The devotion of that attention had to be both actual and apparent. That wa necessary for the maintenance of public confidence in the fairness of the administration of justice and was as fundamental as the

need to avoid actual or apparent Mr Jaffajee and Mr Pleming had argued that the informed speciator would not have detected apparent unfairness by reason of the magistrate's apparent lack of that was that Mr Perry had been making a polemical statement rather than giving evidence.

The magistrate had allowed the prement to be made. It was evidence given on eath. The informed spectator would have had a suspicion that a fair trial was not occurring because undivided attention was not being The court did have a discretion

nut to grant cersiorari in criminal cases but counsel had been unable to find a case where it had been exercised against an applicant in criminal case who had made out

is grounds. His Lordship considered that discretion was unlikely to be exercised in any case where there was an apparent unfairness in the conduct of the trial.

Mr Justice Brooke delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Bindman & Partners: Treasury Solicitor: CPS, Inner London



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Bradley poised to shine on Gran Alba

WITH Graham McCourt opting to partner last Saturday's Nottingham winner Royal Gait in the Champion Hurdle at Chelrenham next month, Graham Bradley has come in for the enviable ride on Gran Alba.

At Wincanton today Bradley, who has already won a Gold Cup on Bregawn, is reunited on the Richard Hannon-trained grey in the Kingwell Hurdle.

Bradley first rode Gran Alba at Newbury last March when they finished third behind Imperial Brush and Lemhill in a handicap.

In the meantime, Gran Alba has climbed the ladder

of success in McCourt's care. After being placed in races won by Destriero and Granville Again at Cheltenham and Liverpool last spring. Gran Alba has come into his own this season, winning at Newbury and Kempton after being beaten a whisker by Sybillin at Cheltenham.

Significantly, Gran Alba has already beaten Fidway and Oh So Risky, two of his rivals here, this season.

At Newbury, Oh So Risky was ten lengths adrilt in the Gerry Feilden Hurdle, albeit when giving olb, while Fidway was beaten a total of 12 lengths when fourth behind Gran Alba, Royal Derbi and Ruling in the Christmas Hurdle at Kempton.

Since then Fidway and Oh So Risky have had the finish

SPRINGALEAK was cut to

14-1 from 20-1 by Ladbrokes

for her attempt to become the

fourth horse in the past five years to land the double of

yesterday's Whittenge Novices' Chase at Warwick and

the Sun Alliance Chase at

Savannah and Rolling Ball

are the three horses to have

accomplished the feat. And in

displaying such tremendous

courage to beat Rough Quest

by one-and-a-half lengths,

Oliver Sherwood's mare

showed herself ready to at-

tempt to join their illustrious

"She's as tough as nails."

The West Awake, Garrison

Cheltenham.

MANDERIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

of the Agfa Hurdle at Sandown to themselves, with Fidway turning in an improved performance to give Oh So Risky 51b and a lengthand-a-half beating.
Kings Fountain, one of two

entries that Kim Bailey has for this year's Tote Gold Cup at Cheltenham, has his warm-up in the Jim Ford

Challenge Cup.
An impressive winner of valuable handicaps at Ascot and Cheltenham last autumn, Kings Fountain was then rather disappointing when beaten three-quarters of a length by Stay On Tracks at Wetherby on Boxing day. Bailey insists that the

Wetherby race on soft ground

Game Springaleak cut to 14-1

By MICHAEL SEELY

horses have what it takes to

win eight races in succession.

I thought she was sure to get

beaten when Rough Quest was cantering over her

throughout. But although

she's won so many races, I

didn't know until today that

she was good enough to go to

Miinnehoma and Mutare,

remain 5-1 joint-favourites

with Ladbrokes for the three-

No positive pointers to-

wards the Champion Hurdle

were provided by the Regency

Hurdle, in which Ruling, last

season's big-race third, was

comprehensively outpointed

by a 33-1 outsider Don Valentino

mile novices' championship.

Cheitenham."

opinion.

The task of landing today's nap is entrusted to Nick Smith on Ringmore (4.10) at-Catterick Bridge.

old can justify his trainer's

big nine-year-old, who is tak-en to regain the winning trail

following a rest and now that

he is racing on good ground

As for the Georgie Newall Novices' Chase, I like none better than the David Nichol-

son-trained Belstone Fox.
A good fourth behind Gran

Alba at Newbury in Novem-

ber, Belstone Fox then fell at

the last hurdle at Uttoxeter

next time out when poised to

make a race of it with the

much-improved Cheerful

Times. Nicholson then decided to

change tact and go chasing

with Belstone Fox, whom he

rates highly.
Following a thorough session of schooling, this lightly-raced but talented seven-year-

again.

A victory over today's course and distance two years ago comprised part of an admirably consistent season that saw him win two and be placed in ten of his 14 races. After being on the sidelines, recovering from a chipped bone, Ringmore bounced back into the limelight at Worcester eight days ago when completing a 286-1

Always a useful hurdler,

Don Valentino has been ab-

sent from the track with leg

trouble since April, 1990. "He's in the County Hurdle,"

Suggestions have been

made in the past two days

that the trainer is likely to run

Golden Freeze in the Gold

Cup in an attempt to force

Carvill's Hill to make mis-

takes in order to help Toby

Pitman said: "Tactics can

change a lot between now

and Cheltenham. I remember we hatched the plot to

beat Desert Orchid two years

ago, but Toby went and got

beat by Norton's Coin.'

Refusing to be drawn, Mrs

Jenny Pitman said.

double for his promising **Bradley: Champion** young rider and trainer John Parkes. chance on Gran Alba

WINCANTON

MANDARIN 2,00 Va Lute.
2,30 Pukka Major.
3,00 Gran Alba.
3,30 Kings Fountain,
4,00 Belstone Fox.
4,30 Valiant Warrior. 2.00 Va Lute. 2.30 Rambling Song. 3.00 Gran Alba. 3.30 Kings Fountain.

5.00 Mister Major.

3.00 Gran Alba. 4.00 BELSTONE FOX 4.30 Valiant Warrior 5.00 The Black Monk.

RICHARD EVANS

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 KINGS FOUNTAIN.

GOING: GOOD

2.00 (LCHESTER CLAUMING HURDLE (£1,996; 2m) (21

| • | | | -20169150 CENTRING UNDER (71,230; SW) (51 thu | ners) | |
|----|-----|----------|--|------------------|-----|
| | 1 | 0 | AFTERKELLY 42 (D Eisworth) D Eisworth 7-11-7 | A McCabe (7) | _ |
| | 2 | P60-0F0 | PERSIAN STYLE 6 (D.G.S) (Arts S Baker) W G Turner 8-11-5 | Mr W Turner | _ |
| | 3 | 1/30036 | POLLOCK 14 (B.D.F.G) (Mrs. M Resorave) M Proc 9-11 5 | P SoudMoore | |
| ١. | 4 | U/6342- | BLANTON RESERVE 314 (D.F.S) (J.Jordan) M Barraciouch 8-11-4 | R Durwoody | - 8 |
| ١. | 5 | 08448-2 | GROTIUS 108 (D.S) (Travad Employment Group Ltd) G Ham 8-11-4 | . A Bellamy | 8 |
| | 5 | 3 | LUCKY SLUE 15 /P Buckley) J Fox 5-11-3 | A Tory | _ |
| | 7 | 042P-00 | MUSIC WONDER 19 (CD.S) (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 11-11-3 | D Skyrme | 8 |
| | 8 | 40P-062 | GARDA'S GOLD 10 (CD.S) (G Brown) R Dicker 9-11-2. | D Marcdith (7) | 7 |
| | 9 | 41P/22U- | MIRAMAC 363 (C.D.F.G.S) (R Frost) R Frost 11-11 2 | . " J Frost | 9 |
| | 10 | | RAMBLE 100F (G Dalziel & P Frv) J Old 5-11-2 | T Grammum | _ |
| | 11 | F-34131 | VA LUTE 17 (CD,F,G,S) (Castle Farm Stud) R Holder 8-11-2 | D MITTHEWS (7) | 9 |
| | 12 | /4/P64B- | WAR DANCER 404 (CD.S) (8 Hune) M Castell 10-11-2 | . V Sinttery (5) | _ |
| | .13 | FPPP4P | LAD LANE 7 (F) (R Weeks) C Pooham 6-11-1 | E SWITCHEN | В |
| | 14 | P-P | TIN SHACK JACK 28 (A Foster) T Hallett 6-11-1 | A Webb | _ |
| | 18 | 20-03 | RUSTY MUSIC 10 (R Brown) R Brown 6-11-0 | Mr R Davis (7) | 7 |
| | 16 | 334/00F- | DARING CLASS 325 (Mrs C Blezard) P Rodlard 6-10-12 | . I Shoemark | 6 |
| | 17 | FO | LADY BUNTING 10 (H & S Laycock) A Voorspuy 5-10-11 | M. Perren | - |
| | 16 | | PURE BUSS 15 (J Mursell) R Hodges 5-10-11 | LANGEROUS | _ |
| | 19 | P42/0 | LUDLOW LADY 7 (P Parnell) R Hodges 8-10-9 . | T Thompson (7) | - |
| | 20 | 00035 | AWAY FROM REALITY 14 (Laster-Cerr) Mrs J Pitmen 4-10-3 | M Bandby | 7 |
| • | 21 | QP | SWIFT STREAM 7 (B) (Mrs R Healey) A Barrow 4-10-0 | W McFarland | - |
| | | | | | |

TING: 11-4 Va Lute, 7-2 Politock, 4-1 Miramac, 5-1 Away From Reality, 8-1 Grotius, 10-1 Blanton Ri Alterhelly, 14-1 others 1991: ANDRELOT 4-11-3 M Pulman (2-1) Mrs. J Priman 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

AFTERKELLY 31I 7th of 19 to The Stater in a nowce hurdle, here (good to soft) POLLOCK 11½I 5th of 12 to Bold Choice in a handicap hurdle, over course and distance (good).

BLANTON RESERVE 1½I 2nd of 14 to Hats High in a handicap hurdle over course with VA LUTE 20 8th and MUSIC WONDER pulled up.

GROTIUS 2½I 2nd of 17 to Sunset Reins Free in a handicap hurdle at Wolverhampton (2m, good).

MIRAMAC 12 2nd of 14 to Catch The Cross in a handicap hurdle over churse and distance (good), with VA LUTE best as handicap hurdle over churse and distance (good).

William Course (2m, good).

Best Course (2m, good).

Browning (2m, good).

William Course (2m, good).

Best Course (2m, good).

Browning (2m, good).

2.30 STEWART TORY MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,831: 2m 5f) (5 runners)

54-5443 PLICKA MAJOR 17 (C.D.F.G.S) (kirs 8 Thomson Jones) T Thomson Jones 11-11-10 J Durign (3) 98 302154 SHANNAGARY 42 (CD.F.G.S) (Hunt 8 Co Lid) R Hodges 11-11-9 Miss P Curing (7) 84 27-3359 RAMBLING SOOR 12 (D.G.S) (Lord Chebrel) T Funite 12-11-9 R Farmati (7) 93 3243202 FOLK DANCE 17 (V.D.F.G.S) (R R B Owners Group (1993) (Pt.) (Balding 10-11-3 M Hourigini (7) 321232 SENATOR OF ROME 36 (BF.F.G.) (H McCall) G Balding 9-11-2 H Barker (7) 83 BETTING: 2-1 Folk Dance. 100-30 Public Major, 4-1 Rembling Song, 9-2 Senator Of Rome, 6-1 Shannagary 1991: WESTERN LEGEND 7-11-6 B de Haan (6-1) J Edwards 12 ran

PUKKA MAJOR 20'vi 4th of 7 to Ronans Birthday in a handicap chase at Chepstow (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start with RAMBLING SONG 12 5th SHANNAGARY's best recent effort was when besting Zummerset 8 in a 5-nunor handicap chase at 16 to 5 to 8 Section 17 to 10 to

3.00 KINGWELL HURDLE (Grade II: £10,880: 2m) (6 runners)

UG-4441 FTDWAY 19 (D,F,G,S) (A Coley) T Thomson Jones 7-11-10 . P Scudamore 322-211 GRAN ALBA 56 (D,F,G,S) (D Thompson) R Hannon 6-11-10 . G Bradley (141-252 OH 60 RISKY 16 (D,R,F,G) (OH 50 RISKY Syndicate) D Eleworth 5-11-10 . P Holley 1101PJS- KADAN 299P (D,F,G) (P Heywood) W G Turner 8-11-2 . Shrost 630202 LANDYAP 14 (B) (Mrs R Stanley) R Frost 8-11-2 . J Frost 64031/O- VESTRIS ASU 345 (D,F,G) (E Ksems) M Pipe 6-11-2 Mr E Ksems SETTING: 7-4 Gran Albs. 5-2 Fidwey, 7-2 Oh So Risky, 5-1 Vestris Abu, 12-1 Kadan, 20-1 Landysp. 1991: WELSH BARD 7-11-2 P Soudsmore (11-1) C Brooks 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIDWAY best OH SO RUSKY (5th worse off) 1% in a 6-numer hurdle at Sandown (2m, good) GRAN ALBA beat Royal Derbi 29th at the runner grade to Irm), with FIDWAY (seems terme) 9th 4th Provided B Genry Febtom hurdle at Newbury (2m 100yd, on 5 good to Sent) 18th of 18

MANDARIN

1.40 Regan. 2.10 Obeliski. 2.40 Derry Reef. 3.10 Brig's Gazelle.

4.40 Wishing Gate.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

3.40 Hypnotist. 4.10 RINGMORE (pap).

RICHARD EVANS

. . D Wilkinson

D Willerson

N Doughty
Peter Caldwell
T Reed
J C German
T Potts
P Niven
Miss B Lamb (?)
Miss P Robson (?)
A Nutholland
C Dennis (3)

NON-RUNNER C He-la-

J Supple (7)

3.10 Decent Man.

COURSE SPECIALISTS Per cent JOCKEYS TRAINERS 34.0 M Pitroun 31.3 P Boundaryon 99.7 B Rolland

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THUNDERER

1.40 Regan. 2.10 Terrible Gel.

4.10 Ringmore. 4.40 Wishing Gate.

1.40 MIDDLEHAM NOVICES HURDLE (£1,165: 3m 1f 80yd) (12 runners)

BETTING: 7-4 Regan, 7-2 Topolifie. 5-1 Troodos 6-1 Emerald Venture 8-1 Spartan Ranger 12-1 others

1991: MERRY MASTER 7-10-12 Gee Armylage (7-2) R Armylage 19 ran

1 00-2631 TROODOS 40 (F) (A Forty) Min S Austin 8-11-5 ...
1 00-2631 TROODOS 40 (F) (A Forty) Min S Austin 8-11-5 ...
2 5-54615 REGAN 17 (BF) (D Gibbons) Miss J Barchy 5-11-0 ...
3 120-030 EMERALD VENTURE 31 (J Simmons) T Caldwell 5-10-12 ...
4 P HALLO SENSATION 13 (P Coolson) G Coelsworth 5-10-12 ...
5 1005- INCONCLUSIVE 345 (G) (Min S Bramall) Mis S Bramall 5-10-12 ...
5 000)03-P MARINERS LAW 24 (B) (Miss P Hathold A Potts 9-10-12 ...
3 2R4 SPARTAN RANGER 52 (Miss J Missgan) M Hammond 7-10-12 ...
3 0090 STRONG CHARACTER 88 (R Lamb) R Lamb 6-10-12 ...
3 0090 STRONG CHARACTER 88 (R Lamb) R Lamb 6-10-12 ...
4 000 MIDNIGHT FLOTILLA 17 (Miss G Andrews) J Eyes 6-10-7 ...
4 NICKY'S BELLE (Lady Ann Bowlby) Lady Ann Bowlby 7-10-7 ...
5 TOPCLIFFE 13 (M Buck) Mir V Acquiley 5-10-7 ...

2.10 LEYBURN NOVICES CHASE (\$2.120-2m) (15 runners)

1 823-221 MEGA BLUE 12 (CD,G) (B Riley & Son Ltd) Mrs V Aconley 7:11-8 .

2,40 Star Oats. 3,10 Choice Challange. 3,40 Ringland.

3.30 JIM FORD CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (£10,162: 3m 1f) (7 runners) 1 311-235 AQUILIFER 33 (D.G.S) (B Kipalinch) M Pape (C-11 12 P Scudamore 100302 BORACEVA 16 (D.F.G.S) (Duke of Athod) G Borang 9 112 J Frost 7 P24221 GENERAL MERCHANT 3 (B.D.G.S) (Atha 5 Tate) R Hodges 12-112 MON-RUNNER 11-3112 KINGS FOUNTAIN 56 (BF.F.G.) (E Banks) K Badey 9 112 A Tory 5 1221F2- LAUDERDALE LAD 314 (CD.F.G.) (E Banks) K Badey 9 112 G McCourt 6 SPF6-30 ROYAL CRAFTSMAN 112 (F.G.) (A Dunn) A Dunn 11 112 Peter Hobbs 7 2PFP41- TURPIN'S GREEN 269 (C) (Lord Vestey) J King 9-112 R Dunnocot BETTING: 11 10 Kings Fountain, 7-2 Aquitiler, 9-2 Boraceva, 7-1 Lauderdale Latt, 10 1 Royal Craftsman, 25-1 Turpins Green.

1991: COOL GROUND 9-11-0 J Frost (11 10) R Akehurst 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

AQUILIFER 20 3rd of 17 to Carral's Hall in the grade at Cyral Weish Namonal at Chepstow (3m 6t good to soft) on panultimate start, with BORACEVA (11b worse off) tailed-off 6th BORACEVA (21 2nd of 9 to David's Duky in a handicap chase at Warwick (3m 5t good) KINGS FOUNTAIN 1-1 2nd of 5 to Stay On Tracks in a handicap chase at Warwick (3m 6t good) KINGS FOUNTAIN 1-1 2nd of 5 to Stay (2m 6t good) on ponultimate start. TURPIN 5 GREEN best Palm Reader 8t in a 6-runner newce chase at Ultrouter (2m 6t good) in Nature 100yd, good to soft) Previously best Another Coral 8t in the 8-number grade to A F Budge Gold Cup

| ů | ·vu | GEORGIC MEWALL NOVICES CHASE (52,290: 2m) (14 runt | rers) | |
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| ١ | P-3125 | THE SHY CONTROLLER 33 (B,CD,G) (M Bateman) Mrs J Priman 7 1? | 9 M Priman | • 99 |
| 2 | 00/1-04 | F BELSTONE FOX 62 (BF.G) (Mrs. f) Skan) D Nicholson 7 11-2 | R Dunwoody | |
| 3 | 25/003- | D BUMPTIOUS BOY 17 (CD.F) (T Paturologi A J Wilson Ø 11 2 | A Webb | 82 |
| 4 | 425-51 | 8 COOLE DODGER 35 (D.S) (Mrs. 8 Scarle) G Ham 7 11-2 | & Powell | |
| 6 | 0 | 6 COTAPAXI 17 IMrs B Lock) 9 Hodges 7 11-2 | Lawrence | 84 |
| 6 | 33002 | J IMPERIAL FLIGHT 10 (CD,F) (Mass S Douglas Pennant) J King 7-11 2 | 5 McCourt | |
| 7 | P3F40 | 4 MASTER SOUTH LAD 10 (H Carnell & Son Ltd) N Michell 8-11 2 | D Skyrme | 946 |
| à | 000 | PARKY PETE 1798 IB Screen) B Screen 11-11-2 . | A Jones | |
| 9 | 2345-P | P POLDER 15 (D.F) (Berkshire Commercial Components Lidt D Williams 6-11 | 2 R Bellamy | |
| ٥ | FP/ | PREGAL TIGER 33 (G Roel G Roe 7 11 2 | | - |
| 1 | 3P/6SP | | N Williamson | |
| 5 | 00 | F STORM ALERT 19 (L1 Col W Whetherly) A Turnell 6-11-2 | S McNed | - |
| 3 | F11/3F1 | - TRUISM 440 (D.F) (Mrs K Stuart) Mrs J Reiter 7:11-2 | _ | |
| 4 | 04450 | 0 RECIDIVIST 42 (D.F) (Mrs & Perry) R Hodges 6-10-11 | A Tory | |

BETTING: 11-8 The Shy Controller, 3-1 Belsions Fox, 5-1 Master South Ltd. 8-1 Trusm, 10-1 Coole Dodger 14-1 Impensi Flight, 16-1 others

1991: MARIA BUKA 5-10-2 X Cadoxel (11.2) S Cargoeg (Fr) 13 ran

| FORM | F |
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| HE SHY CONTROLLER 10121 3rd of 11 to Cy- | Ī |
| wate in a novice chase at Warwick (2m good). Ith REGAL TIGER pulled up before 5 out BEL- | ľ |
| TONE FOX 141 4th of 6 to Gran Alba in the grade it erry Fedden Hurdle at Newbury (2m 100yd, good | ļ |
| soft) on penultimate start. Makes chasing debut | 1 |
| OOLE DODGER beat Nikras II in a 14 runner | ш |

THE SHY CONTROLLER 10*21 3rd of 11 to Cypreate in a nowce chase at Warwich (2m good) with REGAL TIGER pulled up before 5 out BELLSTONE FOX 144 th of 6 to Gran Alba in the grade it Genry Fedden Hurdle at Newbury (2m 100yd, good to soft) on penultimate start Makes chasing debut COOLE DODGER beat Nikdas 11 in a 14 runner nowce hurdle at Newbury (2m 100yd, soft) on penultimate start Makes chasing debut COOLE DODGER beat Nikdas 11 in a 14 runner nowce hurdle at Newbury Abbol (2m 160yd, soft) on penultimate start Makes chasing debut COTA-PAXI 17*91 6th of 14 to Bounden Duty m a nowco

| | MEUE MYINEM LIANDITE (NA 1: 4-1-0: £1 '980: 5W) () | rz runners) | |
|--------|--|-----------------------|--|
| P034 | BLASKET HERO 8 (8) (Automorque (Bournemouth) Ltd) R Aki | efeural 110 J Oaborne | 90 |
| 05 | BUSTINO BAY 6 (P Sheehan) D Shaw 11-0 | I Lawrence | |
| 4 | DIBLOOM 10 (Mrs P Loe) C Nach 11-0 | Mrs P Nash (7) | 75 |
| 063806 | LANSDOWNE 8 (R Denmead) () () Neil 11-0 | V Slattery (5) | 76 |
| 06 | LARK RISE 22 (P Evans) C Weedon 110 | Pater Hobbs | 76 |
| F | RIVERWISE 45 (A Sacod) N Gaseloc 11-0 | G McGouri | _ |
| DOOP | TSAR ALEXIS 9 (8) (J Warren) C Pophern 11-0 | | 54 |
| 635 | VAL D'AUTHIE 38 (J. Joseph) M Pipe 11-0 | P Scudimore | 94 |
| 384 | VALIANT WARRIOR 12 (Mrs J Mould) D Nacholson 11-0 | R Dunwoody | 99 |
| 05 | MORTHERN OPTIMIST 12 (B Llowellyn) B Llowellyn 10-9 | Mr J L Liewellyn (7) | _ |
| 030P | PARISIAN EXPRESS 9 (D Basil K Cunnincham Brown 10-9 | J Frost | 84 |
| 0 | PRIMA AURORA 18 (Lord Crewshaw) C Brooks 10-9 | G Bradley | _ |
| | P034 05 4 063806 08 F 000P 036 384 05 | • | 4 DIBLOOM 10 (Mrs P Lee) C Nash 11-0 Mrs P Nash (7) 065806 LARK RISE 22 (P Evans) C Weeden 11-0 Pater Hobbs F RIVERWISE 45 (A Sacod) N Gaselec 11-0 G McCourt 000P TSAR ALEXIS 9 (B) (J Warren) C Popham 11-0 384 VALIANT WARRIOR 12 (Mrs J Mould) D Nacholson 11-0 98 VALIANT WARRIOR 12 (Mrs J Mould) D Nacholson 11-0 98 NORTHERN OPTIMIST 12 (B Llowellyn 10-9 030P PARISIAN EXPRESS 9 (D Bass) K Cunninghar Brown 10-9 J Frost |

BETTING: 13-6 Valent Warrer, 3-1 Blacket Here 4-1 Val D'Authie, 6-1 Lair Rise 8-1 Receives 10-1 others 1991: VENTURIST 10-10 R Durwoody (14-1) N Hendorson 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLASKET MERO 20 4th of 12 to Scart Of Battle in a novice hundle at Folkestone (2m 110yd, soit), with BUSTINO BAY 30 5th DIBLOOM 32 4th of 10 to fing DI Fortune in a novice hundle at Plampion (2m, good) LANSDOWNE 19 8th of 17 to Kashan et al. Injunct hundle at Menor (2m, good) to promitimate significant LARK RISE 28'41 6th of 20 to Halkopous in a novice hundle at Newton (2m, good to from intrinsic significant (2m, good to fine) RIVER-WISE 3rd and besien when tell last behind Obe 5

5.00 MERE MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: 4-Y-O: £1.576: 2m) (12 runners)

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| 1 | 00430 | ANARUKA 15 (B Salem) S Mestor 11-0 | . M Ferrett | 3.2 |
| 2 | P | BLUE AEROPLANE 43 (Mrs S Russos) P Nicholis 11-0 | 5 Burrough | |
| 3 | 0350FP | CROESO 35 (B Thome) G Charles Jones 11-0 | ii. Powel | 55 |
| 4 | 306 | MARSH WARBLER 35 (Mrs J McCormock) R Frost 11-0 | J Frost | 60 |
| 5 | 062 | MISTER MAJOR 17 (8 Keay) G Balding 110 | R Guest | • 99 |
| Б | 00 | OL DE LOIR 16 (Mrs C Smith) D Alcholson 11-0 | Dunwoody | |
| 7 | 5 | THE BLACK MONK 15 (Pipe Scudemore Recing It Pic) M Pipe 11-0 | | |
| 8 | | THUHOOL 19 (E Noti) R Rowa 11-0 | . T Granthom | |
| 9 | FO | WINOSKI 8 (D Williams) D Williams 11-0 | N Thomas (7) | |
| 0 | 06 | JERVANDHA 13 (D Jervis) Mrs H Porrott 10-9 | D Leehy (7) | |
| 11 | | PHILOSTRA (A Smith) A Turnell 10-9 | L Harvey | |
| - | _ | discovered with 45 of the last of the second | S. B. Harris | |

BETTING: Evens The Black Monk, 4-1 Master Major, 5-1 Blue Aeroplane, 8-1 Anaruka, 10-1 others

FORM FOCUS

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|---|---|
| ı | ANARUKA 241 3rd of 17 to Keshan in a novice hu. |
| I | cle at Wendace (2m, good) on penultimate start. BLUE AEROPLANE, a useful performer on the Fig., |
| ı | sumped poorly and pulled up before tast befund |
| ı | Days Of Thunder in an 8-runner novice hurdle at |
| 1 | Plumpton (2m, good). MARSH WARBLER 27/ 5th of 10 to Princest |
| į | MANAGE HANDERO ELI SIII OI IN IN LINGUIS |

(221 21, good)
THE BLACK MONK 21% Stheil 13 to May Square
on a meden hundle at Ludlow (211), good) with
THUNDER BUG Leide off 6th
Selection: MISTER MAJOR

M Dwyer

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said the trainer. "Not many Valentino.

number.

1.50 Mull House. 2.20 French Legionnaire. 2.50 Jan-Re. 3.20 Scotoni. 3.50 Shar Emblem. 4.20 Storm Orphan. THUNDERER

1.50 Muli House. 2.20 Sea Shadow. 2.50 Gallant Effort. 3.20 Brunswick Blue. 3.50 SHAR EMBLEM (nap). 4.20 Belmoredean.

GOING: STANDARD

1.50 BLEAK HOUSE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,327: 2m 2f) (9 runners)

B ONLY MALONEY 456F J Moore 4-10-8 P Moore (7) 9 0063 VALUED FRIEND 9 J Bridger 4-10-9 II Moore 9-4 Mult House, 7-2 Classic Account, 9-2 Prosequence, 9-1 Annua The Bay, 7-1 Valued Friend, 10-1 Wileys Folly, 14-1 others.

2.20 BARNABY RUDGE SELLING HANDI-

CAP HURDLE (£1,446: 2m) (12) AP HORDLE (ET.,446: ZM) (12)

1 5662 GRONDOLA 15 (D.F.) D Burchell 5-11-10 D J Burchell
2 8-44 CONE LANE 12F (CD.F.) B Gubby 8-11-9 A Dicken (7)
3 03P0 RAJPUT RAJAH 15 (3) E Wheeler 5-11-8. J Ryan (3)
4 F56, KRISPIED 40F T McGowen 7-11-4 . Mr K Comenical (7)
5 P540 SEA SHADOW 31 (B.C.D.F.) A Barow 7-11-3 ... W Invite
6 3P64 FRENCH LEGONNARIE 25 A Moore 5-11-3 ... G Moore
7 5223 SCENTED GODDESS 14 JAkore 4-11-2 ... A Charlton
9 3P66 DARK (SLE 14 M McCourt 4-10-6 ... D Gallegher
9 3P66 DRAGONS NEST 42 (B) T Casey 5-10-8 ... J McCarthy (7)
10 00-7 TROJAH STEEL 33 A Denson 5-10-6 ... R Carry (7)
12 2803 GLEN FIRNAN 9 J Fox 4-10-2 ... R Carry (7)
12 2803 GLEN FIRNAN 9 J Fox 4-10-2 ... R Carry (7)
2 Gronotte 7-2 Secreted Goddess 4-1 French Legionnaire, 6-1 Cone

5-2 Grandole, 7-2 Scented Goddess, 4-1 French Lagionnaire, 6-1 Cone Lane, 8-1 Glen Finnen, 10-1 Kristletd, 12-1 Dark tele, 16-1 others COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M McCourt, 7 winners from 13 runners, 53 8%, S Dow, 14 from 31, 45.2%; T Thomson Jones, 8 Irrom 19, 42 1%; Mrs J Pfitnan, 8 from 15, 40.0%; Miss B Sanders, 20 from 51, 39.2%; D Gressili, 8 from 24, 33.3%. JOCKEYS A Dicken, 11 winners from 22 rides, 50.0%, Dale McKeown, 27 from 81, 33.3%, A Maguire, 11 from 34, 32.4%, H Davise, 13 from 42, 31.0%, D J Burchell, 4 from 13, 30.8%, M Bosley, 5 from 28, 17.9%.

HURDLE (£1,702: 2m 4f) (4)

2 10-6 BEN ZABEEDY 89 (F) R Simpson 7-10-10

3.20 DAVID COPPERFIELD NOVICES

1 2812 SCOTONI 21 (CD) R D'Sullivan 6-11-13

D Murphy

11-4 My Albr, 7-2 Scoton, 4-1 Brunswick Blue, 6-1 Thatcl 7-1 With Gusto, 10-1 Mr Moneymaker, 14-1 others.

CES HURDLE (£1,375: 2m 4f) (8)

5 3351 LADY POLY 7 (C) Mas B Senders 4-10-11

Suluk takes tally to 11

SULUK recorded his eleventh success on the Fibresand at Southwell yesterday when winning the East Stoke Claiming Hurdle at 8-1 on. Reg Hollinshead's sevenyear-old has managed this

tally despite missing the



Warwick

Going: solt 1.30 (2m hdle) 1, Flakey Pove (D Tegg. 12-1); 2, Dars Doore (9-4); 3, Dusty Miller (15-8 fav), 7 ran, 3, 14, R Price, Tota: 10.00: 13-60, £1.90 DF, £15-90 CSF, £35-37 \$35.37 2.00 (2m 5/ hdie) 1, Don Valentino (M Pitman, 33-1), 2, Ruling (Evens fev), 3, Mudahim (20-1) 10 can NR Man On The Line, 11, 15/1 Mrs J Pitman, Tota, 5:19 90, 53 70, \$1 20, \$3 20, DF; \$35.60, CSF-783 70.

ES3 70
2.30 (3m 1f ch) 1. Springaleak (J 2.30 (3m 1f ch) 1. Springaleak (J 3. Calebrese (13-8 fav) 11 ran. NR: Bean Dreams 194, 151 O Sherwood, 70er: £4 10, £1.20, £1.50, £1.40. DF: £6.20 CSF \$3.18.
3.00 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Thatford Forest (R Dunwoody, 7-4 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Senda (100-30); 3, Fight To Win (15-2) 8 ran. 194, nk. D Nicholson. Tota: £2.90, £1.10, £1.80 £2.50. DF: £4.40 CSF £7.42.
3.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, Eastern Destiny (Nr A

CSF E7.42.
3.30 (3m 11 ch) 1. Eastern Destiny (Mr A Griffth. 2-1 fav); 2. Ashpit (50-1), 3. Cursheen Boy (6-1) 15 ran. NR: Spertan Chief 29), sh hid Mrs. J Griffth Tote: 53.90; C1.10, 67.00, 52.10 DF: 5331.20 CSF £93.25. CSP 283.23. 4.00 (2m 4f ch) 1, Poetic Gem (R Guest, 2-1 fav); 2, Lumberjack (7-1); 3, Silban (3-1) 5 ran 61, 101 Mrs S Smith Tota: £3 10; £1 80, £1 50. DF: £7 90 CSF: £13 79. 130 (27 Indies) 1, Middlewick (Mr C Ward Thomas, 12-1); 2, Will She Wont She (7-2), 3, Vital Cue (3-1); Embrald Ruke 2-1 (av. 13 (an. 14.), 14: S Christian Tote, 21-2, 70, 25-50, 21-70, 21-20, DF £26-20, CSF-253 (02 Tricast: £151.13.

PARK YESTER WESTERNAMEN Southwell Going: slandard

1.50 (2m ch) 1, Leacroft (D Byrne, 4-1), 2, Magairt Lamb (7-2), 3, Pressure Game (25-1) Chief Ironalde (11-10 fev. 7 ran NP Gamet. Skly Hd, 15). W Hoseh Tote £4.30, 12.40, £2.30 DF £3.70 CSF £16.28. 2.20 (2m 8f ch) 1, D'or's Gern (T Wall, 6-1), 2, City Index (3-1 fay); 3, Sandmoor Prince (5-1), 7 ran 8l, 15l P Bevan Tote 24 80, 12.70, C1 70 DF, 110 50 CSF

2.55 (2m hdie) 1, Carabali Dancer (C Grant, 15-8), 2, Shikari Kid (11-8 lav), 3 Viscos Bay (10-1), 9 ran 20, 71 D Garryston Toter 22 80; 13 0, 12 30, 12 20 DF £2 50, CSF £4.83, Winner bought in for 4,800gns.

3.25 (3m hole) 1. Hawwar (M Lynch, 9-1). 2, Desparate (5-2); fav), 3, First Exhibition (9-2), Surefoot Salars 5-2); fax, 9 ran, NR Wittostu, 71, 151 Mrs A King Tote 17-30 02-20, 11-0, 62-00, DF 18-80 CSF 031,31, Tricast 1 3.55 (2m 41 hdse) 1, Suluk (S Wynne, 1-8 fav), 2, Miners Law (16-1); 3, Galaten Pearl (14-1) 4 ran. 5l, 1½ R Hollurshead Tote £1.50 DF £2.90 CSF £2.83

2.50 GREAT EXPECTATIONS HANDICAP

1 15F- YELLOW SPRING \$13 (D,F,S) D Greeni 7-11-10 H Device 3 1311 GALLANT SPFORT 7 (CD) S Dow 4-10-7 (Par)
A Diction (7)
4 2011 JAN-RE 9 (CD) F Murphy 5-10-0 (Pax)
A Magure
1-5 Jan-Re, 15-8 Galland Filton (4) 11-8 Jen-Re, 15-8 Gellent Effort, 4-1 Yellow Spring, 6-1 Ber Zebeedy.

HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,387: 2m) (9)

2 221 MY ALBI 20 (CD.6) W Carter 4-11-8 ... H. Jennici)
3 1252 BRUNSWICK BLUE 14 (B.CD) J Substiffs 4-10-11
4 0PO ANATROCCOLO 22 C Horgan 5-10-10 ... H Davies
5 224 WITH GUSTO 23 K Curringham-Brown 5-17-... —
6 00-2 THATCHENNE 6F (8) P Hedger 7-10-2 M Richards
7 0-05 MR MONEYMAKER 9 (8) C Nesh 5-10-0 ... D Togg
8 4-IP HIGH KABOUR 9 W G M Tumer 6-10-0 ... P Carey (7)
9 F000 OAKBOURNE 18 (9) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0
D Murphy

3.50 HARD TIMES MARES ONLY NOVI-1 5-00 BELMOREVIXEN 14 (8) R O'Soliven 5 11-3

8 DS JARRWAH 23 J Spearing 4-10-5 ... NON-RUNNER 7 3280 SEMINOLE PRINCESS 12 C Jones 4-10-5 . M BOILEM 7 S Dow 4-10-5 ... A Dicken (7) 11-4 Lady Poly, 7-2 Sher Emblem, 4-1 Charlie's Darling, 8-1 Belmore ve.en, Pandora's Prize, 10-1 Seminole Princess, 12-1 others

4.20 NICHOLAS NICKLEBY CON-DITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,551: 2m) (6)

1,301: ZIII) (0)

1 -504 STONE FLAKE 3 (D.S.) P Kellowsy 6-12-0 A Bates (8)

3 -322 BELMOREDEAN 19F (CD.F) R O Sulfivan 7-11-9

D O Salfivan

12-5 LEGAL TINA 44 (D.F.) S Dow 7-10-13 _____ A Dicksn

4 4PF0 DISNEYLAND 14 (CD.F) Mrs J Priman 8-10-9... ____

5 4484 PANT LLIN 14 (B.F.) F Jorden 1-10-5 T Primare 8-10-9... ____

5 2112 STORM ORPHAN 9 (CD.8F) Mrs B Sendera 5-10-2

A Magure

7-4 Belmoredean. 11-4 Storm Orphan, 5-1 Pant Län, 6-1 Store Flake, 8-1 Legal Tina, 12-1 Disneyland

1991; OFFICER GROWLER 7-11-2 N Williamson (7-2) Mrs D Haine 12 ran 2.40 RIPON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CLAIMING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,482: 2m) (18 runners)

W Dwan D J Barry — F Murtigh 86 B Clifford 87

BETTING: 7-2 Obelisk., 4-1 Terrible Gel. 9-2 Moortekt Lady. 5-1 Matury Honour, 8-1 Lingham Magus, 8-1 Revaro, 10-1 Jenny's Brandy, Nancy Ardross. 12-1 others.

6/0050 ROSTOVOL 33 (J Lumsten) D Franks 7-10-0 Long handicap: Bella Banos 9-13 Another Merch 9-10 Muzo 9-8 Sovereign Niche 9-7 Rostovol 9-5 BETTING: 9-2 Really Honest. 5-1 Great Fun. 6-1 Derry Reef. 7 1 Wimborne 8-1 Star Cats. Sovereign Niche 10-1 Lord Rinus. Chantilly Dawn. 12-1 Edward Lear. Just A Memory. 14-1 others. 1991; BONANZA 4-11-5 R Hodge (3-1 ji fav) Mrs.G Reveley 18 ran

3.10 PETER VAUX MEMORIAL TROPHY

(Handicap chase; £2,574: 3m 1f 80yd) (11 runners) 1 14-1FFF CHOICE CHALLANGE 73 (BF.F.G.S) (D Sals) M Hammond 9-12-0 D Bentley (7) 1 14-1FFF CHOICE CHALLANGE 73 (BF.F.G.S) (D Suls) M Hammond 9-12-0
2 454-32P DECENT MAN 18 (BF.S) (J Read) P Beauthont 9-11-2
3 LI-8232 SAMFEN 12 (B.C.D.BF.F.G.S) (F Bailerd) M H Easterby 10-10-13
4 24325-P CHANGE THE NAME 9 (B.G.S) (R Bethell) B Rothwell 9-10-9
5 2F2122 BRIG'S GAZELLE 13 (CD.G) (Mrs C Park) I Park 10-10-6
6 431352 NORTHERN MEADOW 52 (D.F.S) (S Chedwick) 5 Chadwick 11-10-6
7 P322/F3 LA PLUME 12 (F) (E Ruddock) P Beauthont 11-10-4
8 3P/45-P CANDY CONE 15 (CD.F.G) (R Brews) R Brews 12-10-2
9 54243P MAJIC RAIN 5 (S) (North East Recing Cub Ltd) G Coalsworth 7-10-1
10 PSUPUS QUARRY TOWN 14 (F) (Mrs E East) C Coyne 9-10-0
11 5P45-FP THE POD'S REVENGE 9 (B.S) (W Williams) M O Newl 7-10-0 L Wyer © 99 In Guspie 84 N Smith (3) 87 Miss J Thurlow 94 C Hawkins C Brownless A Memgan

3.40 WENSLEY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,165: 2m) (17 runners)

E Storey
P Harley
L Wyer
Mrs M Nandall L O'Hara R Beggen R Hodge (6) P Neven P A Farrell R Supple C Grant

BETTING: 4-1 Rengiand, 9-2 Primmo. 5-1 Hypnotist, 6-1 Tapatch, 8-1 Shawwai, Run Miady. 10-1 Jendec Stell The Greek, 12-1 Salman, Cool Parada, 14-1 others

1991; APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 4 10-1 W Bentley (7-2) G Moore 15 ran

4.10 GRETA BRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,346; 2m) (13 runners) 1 **14235 MAREJO 18 (CD.F.G.S) (Mis F Waten) F Welton 11-12-0
2 323224 TRESIDDER 33 (CD.G.S) (S Brewer) M W Easterby 10-12-0
3 2214UU STAY AWAKE 33 (CD.F.G.S) (A Connellon) J J O'Nest 5-11-12
4 2FFF0-5 WIND FORCE 44 (D.F.G.) (J Moreton) G Rectauds 7-11-10
5 P14-386 BARRISLAND 18 (B.D.S) (J Vacin) P Basamont 8 11-5
6 811336 CAVALIER CROSSETT 12 (CD.F.G.S) (E Came) E Came 11-11-3
7 352522 COSMIC RAY 33 (D.F.G.S) (Sumpal Potatore) Mis V Acontey 7-11-0
8 32243/1 RINGMORE 8 (CD.F.G.S) (Mis J Askew) J Parkes 10-10-12 (des)
9 2273-65 IMPANY 43 (CD.F.G.S) (LJ O'Nest) J Parkes 10-10-12 (des)
10 014B3U POSITIVE ACTION 26 (CD.F) (G Campbell) M Barries 6-10-5
11 11/1-F4 THE HOUGH 15 (F.G) (M Moylan) Mis G Revetoy 11-10-4
12 3546F0 MASTER SALESMAN 17 (D.F.G) (Mr. B Bit) B Rothwell 9-10-3
13 60-0406 LAVROSKY 12 (D.G.) (J Simpaon) B Wikinson 8-10-1

BETTING: 9-4 Ringmore, 9-2 Cosmic Ray, 8-1 Stay Awaha, 8-1 Misraed, 8-1 Tresidia B Storey R Garritty M Dwyer N Doughty P A Faired Mr R Hale (7) P Midgley (7) N Smith (3) F Murtagh (5) L O'Hara

BETTING: 9-4 Ringmore, 9-2 Cosmic Ray, 5-1 Stay Awaka, 9-1 Marajo, 8-1 Tresidier, Bashsland, 10-1 Hough impairs 12-1 others 1991: MAREJO 10-11-12 B Storey (11-10 lav) F Walton 9 ran

4.40 AYSGARTH NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£685-2m) (12 runners) O CHEPSTOW CHANCER 16 (E Hayward) J Bradley 6-11-10 0 KERRY HILL 16 (W Owens) J Bradley 6-11-10 0 KERRY HILL 16 (W Owens) J Bradley 6-11-10 MUCH (M Easterby) M W Easterby 5-11-10 NOVELTY ISLAND (K Hodgson) M W Easterby 5-11-10 GREEN SHADOWS (Mrs J Kritey) P Liddle 5-11-5 0- PASTREL 349 (Mrs A Tomkinson) Mrs A Tomkinson 5-11-5 4 ALDINGTON CHAPPLE 36 (C Whostley) C Trettine 4-11-0 DEBT OF HONOR (W Nesle) K Bridgheter 4-11-0 ERNILWORTH LAD (G Farration) Mrs G Reveley 4-11-0 SECRET CASTLE (P Sullivan) M H Easterby 4-11-0 3 WISHING GATE 47 (BF) (D Buckle) M Hammond 4-11-0 DEGODDIE'S CHOICE 24 (M Dods) M Dods 4-10-9 11-4 Wishing Gate 7-2 Alkington Changle 9-2 Kendworth Lad. B Cifford (3) Mr G Lewis (3) P Midgley (7) D O'Sulfiven (7) F Murtagh (5) N Smith (3) D Bridgwater (5) R Greene (5) R Hodge (5) L Mullaney (7) Mr S Lyons (7)

BETTING: 11-4 Wishing Gate, 7-2 Aldington Chappie, 9.2 Kenilworth Ltd., 6-1 Oobt Ot Honor, 8-1 Secret Castle 10-1 Much, 12-1 Novelty Island, Green Shadows, 14-1 others 1991: DANCING HOLLY 4-10-7 Mr M Buckley (6-1) Mrs G Reveley 17 ran

| COURSE SPECIALISTS | | | | | | | | |
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| TRAINERS F Wation N Tinhar G Richards Mrs G Reveley 6 Micron | Winners 4 13 21 13 | Runners 12 50 87 62 84 | Per cent 33.3 26.0 24.1 21.0 20.2 | JOCKEYS N Coughty M Dwysr P Hodge J Callaghan D Syrne | Windings 17 25 5 9 7 | 72 115 24 52 42 | Per cent 23.5 21.7 20.8 17.3 16.7 | |

Saturday switch for Ayr sprint

THE Ayr Gold Cup has been switched to a Saturday in a move designed to stimulate the historic

race's profile. This is the first time that the Ladbrokes-sponsored sprint handicap will be run on that day. Racecourse manager Mark

Kershaw explained: "It will give an opportunity for as many people as possible to come and see the race live. and will be the climax of a tremendous four days' racing at Ayr. "It will also maximise the television

audience, and off-course betting will increase substantially."

for long-distance travellers to contest the Greenalls Gold Cup on February 29. Allowances will be paid for all runners that fail to win prize-money - ranging from £100 to those travelling up to 75 miles, to £200 for those making a journey exceeding

races of the year."

150 miles. There is also a £50,000 bonus if one

plans for the new race, designed for

horses that cannot run in the Gold

Ladbrokes' spokesman Mike Dil-lon said: "We feel there is little doubt

that the Ladbroke Ayr Gold Cup will

now feature in our top ten betting

Haydock Park is offering incentives

Cup because it is oversubscribed.

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4.25 (2m 2f hdie) 1, Mars Askarl (J A Harns, 11-2) 2, Full Monty (9-4 lav), 3 San Francisco Joe (3-1), 6 ran 10, 8 J Harns Tota, 26.30, 12.00, 21.40, DF (3),50 CSF, 216.39. The Scottish course is also hoping to stage the Ladbroke Silver Cup on Piacapot: 231.40. Long handscap: The Pod's Revenge 9-13 BETTING: 7 2 Bing s Gazelle 4-1 Decent Man 5-1 Majic Rain 6-1 Samten 7 1 Choice Challange 8-1 Northers Meadow 10-1 The Pod's Revenge. 12-1 others 1991: BOW HANDY MAN 9-9-11 P Waggott (6-1) Denys Smith 14 ran of the first three home in the race goes the same day. September 19. The ☐ The meeting at Folkestone was abandoned due to frost. Jockey Club is currently considering on to win the Grand National.

RUGBY UNION

Ackford poised

for place on

RFU committee

By Dayid Hands, Rugby correspondent

Giant slalom claims leading contenders

More favourites fall from grace as Wiberg clicks

FROM DAVID POWELL IN MÉRIBEL

AFTER Alberto Tomba, norterday. Normal, in the Alpine skiing at these Olympics. means that the favourites do not win, and this time the luminaries did not even get halfway. Vreni Schneider. Petra Kronberger and Deborah Compagnoni all failed to finish the morning run in the women's giant slalom.

When the skiers went to the gate for the afternoon run. the record books were being thumbed for Ulrike Maier. She had built a good lead proven her temperament for the big occasion with two world championship super-giant slatom wins. Now Maier was favourite. So, of

She did not even get a medal. Pernilla Wiberg, from Sweden, came from second on the first run to add the Olympic gold to her world championship victory in Saalbach last year. The silver was shared between Diann Roffe, of the United States, and Anita Wachter, of Austria, the first time since 1964

that a tie had occurred. If Wiberg was world cham-pion, why was she not one of the favourites? Because this year her World Cup perfor-

mances have been ordinary. The first races of the season I had pressure from Sweden that I was going to win every competition," Wiberg said. "I think that is why I did so well today, because the

O'Reilly

going

for gold

ice dancers, Torvill and

Dean, in Sarajevo in 1984.

He won two demonstration

golds at the Calgary Games in 1988.

Jasper, the world silver

Draycott, Derbyshire, record-

ed a faster time than O'Reilly,

the world champion, as he

coasted into the quarter-

Archie Marshall, Jasper's

coach, said: "I think Will is the best in the world and

"If they got into the final together. I wouldn't bet

against Matthew beating

Wilf. There's no sure thing in

this sport and that's what

Jasper, a student, aged 19,

has the more testing quarter-final - against Michel

Isihara Tatsuyoshi, from Ja-pan, and Lee Joon-ho, of

Matthew is very close.

adds to the excitement."

winner, from

medal



Neither Roffe nor Wachter was expected on the podium either. Roffe had started the second run in ninth place. "I thought I gave too much time to the leaders," she said. And Wachter's best finish in a giant slalom this season had been only ninth.

Schneider was attempting the same touble as Tomba, defending Olympic slalom and giant-slalom titles. She still has the slalom today, but the giant slalom slipped from her grasp when she broke a pole and Switzerland's

The Swiss, expecting a mountain of medals, have managed only one with just the slaloms to come. Schneider threw herself to the ground in frustration.

Kronberger fell but will be back today. Compagnoni will not. Her victory in the super-giant statiom on Tuesday, combining with Tomba for an Italian double, created un-precedented thinking at Gazzetta Dello Sport, her country's sports daily. The paper devoted its first 13 pages to skiing and the international football preview lost its traditional front-page

But Compagnoni's tri-umph turned to tears as she fell and ruptured knee ten-dons. The way had been cleared for Carole Merle, the nation's main hope for gold, but her supporters were to be disappointed again. Compagnoni had taken the supergiant slalom title from her grip and she could not make amends and was sixth. Wachter saw nothing sinis-

ter in the fact that one of her nation's coaches had set the course for the first run, which an Austrian, Maier, had dominated, and that one of Wiberg's, a Swede, had set it for the second. "I do not think that any coach can trail a course for his own team," Wachter said.

Emma Carrick-Anderson, of Britain, aged 16 and seventeenth in the combined, was more Swede than Austrian, pulling herself up from 31st on the first run to 23rd after the second.

Wiberg, aged 21, tries for the double in the slalom today. The slalom is the event she had thought she would do best in. "I set my goals for the slalom because I had my best results this season in it," she said. But my advice is not to back her. Last night she was being talked of as the



On top of the world: Wiberg adds an Olympic gold medal to her world title

Rumble and tumble in the valley of the White Fear

MICHAEL Prufer, from Sa-

WILF O'Reilly and Matt Jasvoie, who grew up alongside the mentally handicapped per are expected to become Britain's first medal winners children at a school run by of the Winter Olympics in the his parents and knows the privilege of normality, is the fastest mechanically unaidmen's short-track speed skating in Albertville today. First, they must negotiate the quarter-finals and semied man on earth. He admits to a certain amount of dan-ger in the sport known as "The White Fear". finals, but the British camp is

going to win gold," Dave Jordan, the team manager, His world speed skiing record is 139.741 mph and, yesterday, he went close to said. "There is absolutely no this, at approaching doubt about that whatsover." 125mph, in preparation for the finals on Saturday. Jasper begs to differ, with Jordan conceding: "Will's got a problem because Matthew

Prufer, a bachelor, who works as a consultant at says he's going to win it, too!" hospitals in Grenoble and O'Reilly, aged 27, from Sutton Coldfield, still stands St Etienne, was the World Cup winner last year and is out as the best British Winter clear favourite this week. Olympic prospect since the

He was, however, out-paced in the second of three practice runs yesterday by his compatriot, Philippe Goltschel, and John Mueller, of the United States, ranked second and eighth respectively last

The sensation as the skiers go past, mid-slope, through the measured 100 metres, is like the sound of a Tornado jet flying overhead at a few thousand feet: an approaching rumble, mounting to a thundering. screaming hiss. The anatomical consequences of losing control, at the speed of the TGV train, do not

bear thinking about. It was an extraordinary contrast up here yesterday. The little village of Les Ares 2000, dominated by a Club Med complex that looks like a cruise-liner in the sky, is set in a vast bowl of moonscape proportions beDAVID MILLER

neath Mt Aiguille Rouge, the snow deep and unblem-ished, the sun stronger than the Caribbean. Idyllic. Down the mountain, ev-

ery half-minute or so, came these men and women; mad, you would think, in turistic streamlined helmets and aerofolied calf Inter-galactic figures ap-

pearing, at first, as tiny dots on the precipitous upper slope, plummeting like a jet and leaving a plume of snow spray, passing through the speed trap in the tightest tuck, feet 20 inches apart, the merest pebble capable of causing catastrophe.

There's a lot of research in medicine and in speed skiing. Maybe that's why I am the fastest because I

know how to make re-search," Prufer says.
"Speed skiing is 50 per cent equipment and half the performance of the athlete. You need to have that technological edge. I became interested in the sport because I felt I could apply scientific research to it. The right helmet can mean a

championship."
Vince Poscente, of Canada, after a run that left him in thirteenth place, said. "! don't expect the world record will be broken this week unless the weather becomes warmer. Although the snow is perfect, it's too dry and needs a slightly moist surface for the high-

est speeds."
The oldest individual hur-

tiling downwards yesterday was that former veteran of the slalom slopes, former racing driver and inveterate adventurer, Davina Galica, of Britain, aged 47. Approaching her half-century does not persuade her to contemplate a more cau-

tious approach to life.

She and Donnah Corminboeuf are Britain's this demonstration sport and are less offended than I think I would be at not even being mentioned in the offi-

cial team handbook.

The course is like a billiard table," Galica said. never minding the geometrical inaccuracy of such an observation. "It's perfect but I've not skied at these speeds for three years.
"We've had no opportuni-

ty to train at such speed; a trip to Sweden was cancelled because there was no snow. I don't even know which of my two pairs of skis is the faster." The leader of the women

in training yesterday was Tarja Mulari, of Finland. the No. 1 seed. Galica and Corminboeul were skiing consistently around fifteenth position. Representing British men are the Wilkie brothers, Graham and Stuart, Marc Poncin and Jonathan Elabor.

Considering that skiing fast down a mountain, even at 100mph. is of little benefit to anyone but them-selves, it seems a shame that the Wilkies do go on a bit about the lack of sponsorship in Britain, which Graham claims drove him abroad. In the World Cup rankings last year. Graham was fifth and Stuart twelfth.

Ice hockey

Phipps shuts out Olsson again

FROM CHRIS MOORE IN LA PLAGNE

NICK Phipps will drive the No. 2 British bob in tomorrow's Olympic four-man bubsleighing competition here, after winning yesterday's selection race-off against Sean Olsson.

Phipps. aged 39, confirmed he would be retiring after 11 years as a driver meeting in St Moritz next week. 'That's where I started driving at my first bob school in 1982, and that's where I'm going to have my last race."

Phipps, who last week beat Olsson in the race-off for the Olympic two-man event here. won by only 0.09sec yesterday. His crew of Edd Horier. Colln Rattigan, and David Armstrong was 0.22sec faster on the first run in 59,49sec. but lost the second by 0.13sec. "I know exactly how Scan feels after missing, myself, in both races at Calgary at the last Games," Phipps

"But he is still very young.



Phipps: retiring

WINTER OLYMPICS RESULTS

Games, in Lillehammer in 1994, he will be up there with the best. He's already the best Now he's got to build a crew like Mark Tours and he'll

really be in business. Phipps was always the more relaxed going into yes-terday's showdown, though tally drained" by the build-up to the two-man race-off.

"That race nearly killed me." he said. "It was the most pressure I have felt in my whole career. Getting through it made things a lot easier today because this time I was completely at ease with the situation."

Yesterday's training was rwice interrupted after the Ja-maican and Mexican teams had crashed. But the real sympathies were for Ekkhard Fasser, of Switzerland, the Olympic four-man champion in Calgary. Just four minutes before the Swiss selection race, Werner Stocker, Fasser's brakeman, pulled a thigh muscle warming up, forcing the team's withdrawal.

Officials plan to tighten qualifying rules for the Olympic bobsleighing in a bid to weed out inexperienced drivers. Klaus Kotter, the head of the International Bobsleigh Federation, said yesterday the ban on weak competitors could also cover other sports in the winter Games, like skiing.
"The days of just turning

up and competing are over." Koner said. "It doesn't work any more. It looks like the end for people like Eddie

PROGRAMME!

All times GMT

Today 07.00 and 17.00: Curling, 09.00: Biathlon men's 20km, 09.00, 13.00: Alpine skiling women's statom 11.00: Speed skating; men's 10.000m. 18.30: Short track speed skating; men's 1.000m; women's 3.000m relay, 12.15, 16.15 and 20.16; loe hockey; three ranking comes. ranking games.

Tomogrow 08.00: Bobsleigh: four-man 09.00: Cross country, women's 30km, 10,45: Speed skiing: semi-finals: 11.00 and 17.00: Curling: 18.30: Figure skiiting: women's tree programme 12.15; 16.15, 20.15: Ica hockey: one ranking game two semi-finals.

Walker replaced HERSCHEL Walker, the

American gridiron player. has been dropped from the United States four-man bobsleigh team and replaced by an original member of the crew. The Minnesota Vikings running back was scheduled to be the brakeman on the four-man team but is replaced by Chris Coleman.

PAUL Ackford is poised to ment of Paul's ability to repre cómplete a remarkable year. sent the county effectively, If the recommendation that he said. "He is clearly ar he become Surrey's represen-tative on the Rugby Football Union committee goes excellent administrator and communicator and we feel it is important that the RFU through at the annual meet-ing in July, he will have been an international player, news-paper columnist, BBC pundit and committeeman within an hears the views of people who

the recommendation to immen - should retire after they reach 55, was one of the England squad representatives last year when its promomittee. Should he prove ac ceptable to Surrey, he could be joined by another recent international, since Camreplace Ian Beer when he is

agreed to nominate him as a Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary and a former Surrey replacement for Martin Turner, who will retire at this representative, welcomed Ackford's move. "I take the year's annual meeting. Turner, aged 70, who played on the wing for England, is one of only four former caps among the constituent-body representatives who make up the RFU committee (the others are Don White, Malcolm Phillips and Derek Morgan).

Not since Tony Jorden, the former England full back and another Cambridge graduate, stepped on to the com-mittee in 1976 as a representative of Eastern Counties at the age of 30 will a player have made such a rapid transition.

in November with 22 appear-

take off until 1988. He then

rapidly became one of the

outstanding front jumpers in

Surrey, recognising his ad-ministrative gifts, have

world rugby.

Peter Budge, the Surrey secretary, said yesterday that Acklord was the choice of the executive committee. The 120 clubs which are affiliated to Surrey can propose an alternative, "but I hope they will agree with our assessdent States.

are close to the modern Ackford, a former Surrey captain who once advanced

eight-month span. All this and a distinguished police prove rugby that all "alickadoos" - committeecareer, too.
Ackford, 34 next week, re-tired from international rug-by after the World Cup final ances in England's second row, concluding a remarkable representative playing career that began when he was a Cambridge University student in 1979, but did not take off waril 1989. He then tional campaign was being debated with the RFU combridge University are expected to nominate their secretary, Mark Bailey, the wing who retired last year, to elevated to the presidency in

> view that those counties who are lucky enough to have two representatives can afford to have one coming through the normal committee system and one in the fast lane," he said. "But I must say I'm delighted with Paul's Christophe Mougeot, the

Bègles lock who left the field after injuring a thigh against England, is not expected to be fit for selection for France's game with Scotland at Murrayfield on March 7. firmed their participation in the Student World Cup in Italy in July, as have the

Witnesses back injured player

THE injured London Irish when the incident took place against a Nottingham opponent for alleged physical assault is being examined by police, is unlikely to play rugby again and may be without the feeling in part of his face for over a year.

Stefan Marty, captain of the London Irish second team this season, was injured so badly by a punch during the first team's exhibition against the Midlands club on January 18 that he has been unable to work since. He severed a facial nerve, broke his jaw, which now contains a plate, and lost two front teeth. Marty, aged 29, a physical education and history master at Wimbledon College, originally asked for legal advice regarding possible civil action against his alleged assailant but Staines police have

taken up the case. They made an appeal for witnesses to the incident during last weekend's match against Bedford and it is understood three people have come forward with evidence. One was on the touchline

player, whose complaint the other two were players on against a Nottingham oppothe evidence and the file is expected to be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions to ascertain whether a charge can be made.

Marty remains under regular supervision. But the club says he and his wife have been so traumatised by the affair that they intend to continue pursuing the question of prosecution and/or compensa-

Ciaran McCarthy, the chief executive of London Irish, said yesterday: "When I last saw Marty, three weeks after the incident, he was still shaking on his feet. The pain and suffering have been

that this is not and never has been a club matter in the sense that it is an individual's complaint. We are out of it completely but, despite that, the club will support Stefan in whatever action he sees fit. He wants justice to be seen to be done and we agree with

lesson in power

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Met Police ... Lomas 16 BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

SOLID English forward play outlasted Argentinian exuberance as Metropolitan Police scored seven tries ** three and inflicted only a second defeat on Lomas in their penultimate game of a six-

match tour of Italy and Brit-

ain at Imber Court yesterday.

Lomas, from Buenos Aires, complete their programme against Richmond at the Athletic-Ground on Sunday, to continue a learning process that belies their status as a founder member of the Argentina Rugby Union 101 years ago. They were the first national champions in 1899 and again 14 years later, but

not since. . Lomas struggled to combat the physique and technique of the Police pack, in which Tunn and Skuse excelled. Lomas won such irregular possession from ruck and maul that the backs' potential remained uncharted as the Police moved 14 points ahead in 16 minutes.

Tunn stampeded to the line unopposed. Ferry ran in a second try from long range and Turner completed a back-row move as Lomas laboured to adjust to more stringent demands, having beaten Felinfoel and Rumney, both by a single point, in their two previous games, in Wales.

After a long haul to reduce the Police lead to eight points. Lomas conceded two tries in the final five minutes from Plant, his second of the match, and Sinclair,

Maich, and Sheath,
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LOMAS: J Bedacarratz: M Faueciana, E Rosendi, A Floriolii, J Trucco: F Espertin (sub. M Julinez), M Cabrejas: F Coppole. O Sansosan, G Scareno, M Serigos, G Ghranti, G Divina, G Pérez, L Coliqueo. Referes: A Elison (London).

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"However, I should stress

Argentinians given

Verdier is critical of ice hockey violence

OLYMPIC ice hockey players were criticised yesterday after fighting broke out during the quarter-final between the United States and the host nation, France. Michele Verdier, the Inter-

national Olympic Committee (IOC) director of information, said violence had previously been absent from the sport at Olympic level. "Obviously, it's not pleasant and it's not what the IOC

would like to see." Verdier

said. "It's now up to the lice hockey federation to take the necessary measures." Tuesday's quarter-final. won 4-1 by the United States. boiled over in the final minutes into a senes of fights, which continued after the final klaxon. The players reluc-

tantly shook hands before leaving the ree. Following another of the

quarter-finals on Tuesday, Germany lodged an official protest with the International ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) over the result of their match with Canada.

They drew 3-3 after overtime but were eventually beaten in a penalty shootout, giving the Canadians a semifinal tie against Sweden or Czechoslovakia. The Germans claim that

the referee. Seppo Makela, of Finland, gave Canada an unfair advantage by making Germany take the second penalty of the sudden-death

"It clearly stipulates in the rules that we should have taken the first shot once the first series of five penalties had ended level," a German team official said.

The IIHF said it was studying the protest. (Agencies)

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Demonstration sport

SQUASH RACKETS

Jackman

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By COLIN McQUILLAN POWERFUL career-first

win by Cassandra Jackman,

the world junior champion.

over Martine Le Moignan.

England's top-ranked player,

carried her IMS Countlands

squad into the driving seat of

the SRA women's Super-

league with the last few fix-

Jackman, aged 19, defeated the tall, left-handed Le

Moignan, aged 28, 3-9, 9-0, 9-3, 9-7 in a decisive 30-

minute second-string rubber

in this week's match against

the Talking Pages squad at

the Windsor and Eton club to

put Courtlands eight points clear on 27 points with two fixtures remaining.

Talking Pages Windsor

have three more fixtures offering a maximum 18 points.

which still allows for a suc-

cessful defence of the title they

took last season, but all will

depend upon what strength third-placed Reebok Notting-

ham can mount against both

tures approaching.

FOOTBALL

Supporters begin protest at rise in Old Trafford prices

MANCHESTER United supporters who are angry over the club's plans to .aise ticket prices by up to 54 per cent next season have begun efforts to oppose the scheme. The supporters began their campaign at a meeting at Lancashire cricket club on Tuesday, adopting the name Hostage, which stands for Holders Of Season Tickets

Against Gross Exploitation.
The campaign's leader,
Peter Kenny, said: "Young
lads who are currently paying £6 to stand on the Stretford End will be asked to pay £12 or £14. They are just not going to be able to afford it. We believe that Manchester United are in a unique position and should be able to keep their ticket prices to a reasonable level.

The board says that because the ground is going all-seate and the capacity will be reduced, they have to increase prices. We do not

accept the argument."
However, Robin Launders, the finance director of the club, rejected the criticism. He said: "The capacity of the ground is being brought down because of the Taylor Report and the Football Sup-

"We have to go all-seater. The prices reflect the fact that we will have a lower capacity. We still believe that we offer value for money."

Premier League approval likely

THE Premier League should arrive at its final hurdle today (Peter Ball writes). The Football Association council meets at Lancaster Gate to decide whether to ratify the new league, which would then begin next season.

Providing the Football League's relection on Monday of any restriction on the size of grounds can be accommodated, and that is not certain, the FA's approval seems

likely to be granted. Many councillors will give their consent only with serious misgivings, for there is a strong undercurrent of discontent among the county associations. The objections

of principal and practice. Some councillors feel that the FA has no business getting involved in professional leagues. The second objection is more widespread, many believing that the new league is a long way from the design

they approved last year. But with commercial considerations paramount at Lancaster Sate as well as elsewhere, and the threat of anarchy on the horizon if the league does not receive approval, the FA councillors seem likely to prefer pragmatism to principal and still their misgivings, however

Aldershot plan to go ahead with tomorrow night's fourth division march at home to Mansfield. Town after the offer of an eleventh-hour research cue package was presented at a public meeting on Tuesday night. The identity of the would-be saviour is unknown, but part of his proposed deal involves all four directors of the club resigning, along with Trevor Gladwell, the Alder-

shot chairman. -The five have agreed to step down in addition to writing off personal loans totalling £300,000. The meeting heard Aldershot's debts confirmed at £1.2 million.

All players participating in this summer's European championship finals in Sweden will have to wear numthe back, of their shirts. Additionally, their surnames must be printed above the number on their backs.

The Uefa rules, which are designed to make life easier for referees and spectators by minimising confusion and misunderstanding, dictates that the number on the front must be 10cm high and in the middle, with the name 7.5cm tall.

Glenn Hoddle played for the full 90 minutes for Swindon Town's reserves against Luton Town's reserves yesterday. Hoddle, the Swindon player-manager, has played only one reserve game since damaging a thigh muscle at Plymouth just over four months ago, but his perfor-mance in the 1-1 draw raised hopes that he would be fit in time for the second division promotion run-in.



Senna returns to the circuit

BY NORMAN HOWELL

AYRTON Senna is back. After his customary winter lay-off in Brazil, the Formula One world champion was at Silverstone yesterday getting reacquainted with the car that brought him his third world title after a hardfought battle with Nigel

Senna looked incongruously tanned in the Northamptonshire grey that cloaked the former aerodrome where McLaren-Honda has been testing all winter. He appeared fit, cheekbones rising sharply from his still-boyish face. Surprisingly, the team is not starting the season, which opens on March 1 in South Africa, with a new car. sion not to start in South Airica with a new car was taken in January. I was in-formed of it then." Instead, McLaren has opted to weather the first three Inside the McLaren base

races with last season's modwith Gerhard Berger, his el. Senna was unusually philosophical about this, bearing in mind the pressure team-mate, Senna looked pensive. He added: "I suppose I could have put more he brought to bear on the pressure on them, but ultiteam last year when he felt mately it is the team's reness and Renault sponsibility." With a shrug, were overtaking them.

he dismissed the topic. Senna admitted that it became harder to motivate himself each season. "I don't miss driving as much as I used to. In fact, I could have done with a couple more

the most titles, or be considered the best driver ever. All I am concerned about is to do my best. If I can achieve that, that is good enough to stay

on top."
While Senna was lapping at Silvertsone, Ron Dennis, the owner of McLaren was having lunch with John Major. The occasion was the recognition of the success of McLaren and the other sponsors of the team. The prime minister presented Dennis with the Formula 1 construc-

RESULTS: BRA Women's Superleague Talking Pages Windsor 1, MS Courtlands 2 (Windsor names Brist) 5 Devoy NL Evrop 9-2, 9-5, 8-10, 7-9, 9-0 M Le Mognan lost to C Jackman 9-3, 0-9, 3-9, 5 Wingfir foot to F Geness 1-9, 9-7, 2-9, 8-7, 8-10 Mosaig Prory 1, Lee on Scient 2 (Priory names first) M Mertin bt 1, Soutter 9-1, 9-5, 9-6, 3 Demonda fact to L. Chemnan 0-9, 0-9, 3-9, R Thortey best to C Mert 4-9, 0-9, 4-9, 14-5, 5-6, 19, 3, Northingham, 17, 4, Scient, 14, 5, Poory, 7 Procy, 7 Leokes Weish Clessic: Pirst round: R Norman (NZ) bit M Carlyon (Aug.), 15-9, 15-9, 15-7; M Maclean (Scot) bit T Hands (Eng), 15-12, 15-10, 15-13, C Waster (Eng) bit A Schreiber (Aus.), 11-15, 15-9, 4-15, 15-11, 15-12, P Whitook (Eng) bit B Besson (Eng), 15-12, 15-6, 15-2

tors' trophy. If Senna and Dennis have their way, this

CRICKET

England's women

WENDY Watson, the opening batsman, was the only player to provide any resistance as England were opening day of the women's Test match against Australia at the North Sydney Oval yesterday (a Special Corres-

for five days. Watson, who scored 35, featured in a 46-run stand with her captain, Helen Plimmer, for the first wicker but England, who chose to bat after rain delayed the start, crumbled after

collapse

women's Test to be scheduled

Plimmer was out for 26.

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Duff predicts a repeat performance

BOXING



Bryan: resilient

tunes and aspirations set them on diverging paths in the Eighties, tonight find themselves back where they were four years ago — facing each other at the Scottish Exibition Centre, Glasgow (Srikumar Sen writes).

Then, Gary Jacobs, a promising young Scot, clearly outpointed Delroy Bryan, a struggling welterweight from Nottingham. Tonight, due to a reversal of fortunes in the intervening years, Jacobs finds himself challenging Bryan for the British title.

Mickey Duff, Jacobs's new manager, believes his man will once again prove superior and go on to see world hon-ours. "He beat Bryan by three rounds then and I've got him back in the same ring and the

Those who saw the former World Boxing Council (WBC) international champion and Commonwealth title-holder slapped down by Buddy McGirt in New York in 1989 do not believe the Scot will be the same again.

grace — McGirt went on to win the WBC title by defeat-ing the formidable Simon Brown - the bout was still a

Donovan Boucher, of Canada, and was then knocked out by Mickey Hughes in eight. Bryan, despite suffering reverses throughout his career, has shown remarkable resil-

ience. He caught Kirkland Laing on one of his many bad and, since then, has grown in

Lawson springs a surprise

OVERSEAS players were having a difficult time in the Midland Bank world indoor championships until Gary Lawson, aged 26, a New Zealander, surprised Graham Robertson, the No. 15 seed, at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday (David Rhys Jones

"Yes, it is the first time we

have started a season with-

out a new car. Some of the

equipment was not quite

ready, so it was decided to go

for reliability. I don't know if

we'll be at a disadvantage or

Rob Parrella, of Australia, had inflicted the only defeat on a home player, while eight other visitors had fallen at the first hurdle. This might not appear too surprising, given that while there are nearly 400 indoor bowls arenas in

Britain, there are four in Australia and one in New

Lawson, however, competes regularly indoors, at the Royal Oak Club, Auckland, and has won the New Zenland singles title on carpet and on grass.

Robertson, a dour campaigner from East Lothian who is famous for making comebacks, was given a taste

into winning positions.
The Scot led 6-3 in the first set, but conceded three ends

of his own medicine, losing the first two sets after getting

tralia, an unexpected straight-sets victory.

RESULTS: First round: H Duff (Scot) bit I McCause (Ire), 7-2, 5-7, 7-5, 7-2, G Lurwoon (NZ) bt G Robertson (Scot), 7-6, 7-6, 7-4.

Then, 6-5 up in the second

set, he saw Lawson escape

with a double for another 7-6

Again in the third set, Rob

ertson led 4-3 after five ends.

but dropped successive dou-

bles which gave the New Zea-

lander, who has been

practising daily before dawn

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BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Gernsby Town 3, Southend United 2
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6.58xac; 2. R. Stewart (Jam), 6.58; 3. L. Burrell (US), 6.58. 60m hurdless: 1, C. Hawkins (US), 7.50; 2. C. Jackson (GB), 7.50; 3. R. Nehermah (US), 7.60; 200m: 1, S. Till (II), 20.81; 2. M. Marah (US), 20.50; 3. S. Floria (II), 21.18. 400mt: 1, F. Grosse (IV), 46.46; 2. R. Pierre (US), 46.50; 3. M. Vaccari (IV), 46.46; 2. R. Pierre (US), 46.50; 3. M. Vaccari (IV), 46.46; 2. R. Derre (US), 46.50; 3. M. March (US), 1 min 45.90esc; 2. D. Abdenouz (Ad), 1 146.67; 3. O Diarra (Sen), 1346.67; 1.500m: 1, A. Grocordi (IV), 35.2; 2. 2, M. Setvedore (IV), 35.30 (IV), 3. P. Brite (IV), 751.19. Shot: 1, V. Liho (CS), 19.751; 2. V. Busia (US), 1.55m; 2. V. Busia (US), 1.50m; 2. V. Busia (US), 1.50m; 2. V. Busia (US), 5.70m; 3. V. Busia (US), 5.00m; 1. Nemporator (Swe), 2.28m; 1. M. Ortey (Lam), 7.03esc, 2. J. Cutthert (Lam), 7.17; 3. M. Finn (US), 7.22. 60m hardfest: 1. L. Naccalhertho (US), 5.78. 2. L. Leatherwood (US), 5.37, 1. M. Servania (Ger), 2.92; 3. L. Leatherwood (US), 5.17, 1.500m; 1. M. Guida (IV), 8.58.62; 2. K. Martcheson (GS), 4.17.78, 3.000m; 1, M. Guida (IV), 8.58.62; 2. K. Martcheson (GS), 4.12. 3. S. Bottcoffe (IV), 9.26.77; Long Jump: 1. H. Dracheker (Ger), 7.10m; 2. I. Kravelia (US), 5. 8. Settcoffe (IV), 9.26.77; Long Jump: 1. H. Dracheker (Ger), 7.10m; 2. I. Kravelia (US), 5. 1. Bestcorage (US), 5. 50m; 3. L. Bestcorage (US), GM VAUIGHALL CONFERENCE: Mer ihyr Tydfil 4, Ketlering Town 1.

(Wright), BOB LORD TROPHY: Sent-Inex, sec-ond legs: Attnochem 1, Runcom 2 (Runcom win 5-2 on agg): Wycombe Wandiners 2, Yeovil 0 (Wycombe win 8-0 on egg)
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City 1

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RUGBY FIVES

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IN BRIEF

Challengers hold sway over Koch

Round robin two of the America's Cup defender seection trials ended with Bill Koch's America3 well in control of Dennis Conner's Stars & Stripes, but the challengers remain better placed than either to win the trophy.

New Zealand, Italy, France and Japan have done thousands of miles more two-boat testing off San Diego, but they regard America3, with her narrow maximum beam. as an advance in the long. heavy, large sail-area corner of the rule they have followed.

Myers listed Rugby league: Wigan have placed David Myers on the transfer list for £125,000. Gary Price will quarter-final against

Pendrigh double

Rackets: Nigel Pendrigh, the British amateur, became the first player for two decades to win both the rackets and real tennis events in the Tuxedo Gold Racket championship.

Buxton honoured Golf: Nicola Buxton, aged 18, of Huddersfield, the English women's amateur cham-

pion, yesterday won the 1991

Golf Foundation award. Piquet changes gear Motor racing: Nelson Piquet, the three-times Formula One world champion, has signed to race in this year's India-

napolis 500 race. Three-day trial

Equestrianism: The Allen and Harris Savernake Forest Horse Trials in Wiltshire are to host the Olympic three-day event final trial on 5 July replacing the cancelled Althrop competition Nonhamptonshire.

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20, 1992

O'Leary's error and Southall's agility ensure Wales put an end to Irish team's four-year unbeaten home run

Republic lose proud record to Pembridge

Republic of Ireland......0

BY CLIVE WHITE

THE Republic of Ireland's first appearance at the Royal Dublin Society equestrian centre vesterday produced a first refusal from Jack Charlunbeaten record in the Irish capital stretching back almost four years and across 25

Wales were the last team to win in Dublin, in Charlton's first match in charge, and they deservedly repeated the feat — and the scoreline with a goal from Mark Pembridge, the Luton Town midfield player, who was making only his second appearance for his country.

It was a very Irish way in which to lose a record, since Ireland were as much strangers to the delightful surroundings as Wales. They had been forced to move home for this match due to the unavailabiliry of Lansdowne Road bements, but that should not be used as an excuse for their indifferent performance. Indeed, the pitch played a lot more true than Lansdowne

Road's rutted surface.

A more valid excuse was that it was largely an experi-mental Irish side which. through either choice or necessity, was without Mc-Grath, Houghton, Staunton and Quinn, although the lat-ter was eventually introduced in the second half, much to the delight and relief of the crowd of 15, 100.

The damage had not been done by then, and although second best to the Welsh for much of the game, the Irish seemed at least capable of slogging their way to one of their familiar goalless draws. There appeared to be no threat to that when Southall launched the ball upfield in the seventieth minute. It should have been comfortably cleared by O'Leary, but he allowed the ball to bounce before mistiming his clear-ance. Pembridge ran onto it

Charlton provides players with a lift

AS GRAHAM Taylor has managers are constantly under pressure to pick players excelling at their clubs and to leave out players who are out of form at club level, whatever their international record.

With restricted choice, the other British managers are less pressured to do this. On the evidence of yesterday's game between the Republic lin, there is, in any case, little correlation between club and international performances.

Jack Charlton, the Republic of Ireland manager, specifically chose Kevin Sheedy. Pat Bonner and Tony Cascarino, although all three are either out of favour or having an unhappy time at their clubs. Indeed, in the cases of Sheedy and Cascarino, he picked them specifically to give them a lift.

Tony has struggled at club level and I think he needs a boost of playing in this game." Charlton said before yesterday's game of his decision to prefer Cascarino to Niall Quinn. There were similar reasons for picking Sheedy and Bonner.

Indeed, it seems that players struggling or out of favour in club football but with wide international experience are

much more comfortable than because of club performances but are still new to the inter-national game. Sheedy, for example, had not played for Everton this year since being dropped and transfer-listed, but he looked sharp and slipped into his normal position comfortably.

Even Alan McLoughlin, who has been so out of touch not been in their squad recently, let alone the team, has thrived at international level. He had an outstanding game for Ireland B last week and came on to make an impact as substitute yesterday.

The most significant example though came from the Irish goalkeeper. Bonner, who was blamed for the failure to beat Poland last October that ultimately cost Ireland qualification for this summer's European champ-lonship finals and subsequently lost form at his club, had recently been left out of the Celtic team. With widespread speculation in Ireland about the possibility of the young Sheffield United goalkeeper. Simon Tracey, becoming eligible, Bonner went into yesterday's match under considerable pressure. He re-

sponded magnificently.

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past the advancing Bonner. It was an error of judgment

which pleased neither O'Leary nor Charlton, and further aggravated an uneasy relationship between the two.
"I'm not happy with
O'Leary," Charlton said. "He allowed two long balls to bounce from goalkeeper's

kicks, and you can't do that." O'Leary, who had taken over the captaincy from the injured Townsend at halftime, claimed that he had heard a shout from behind and for that reason let the ball go. "After 19 years in the game I should have known better. It was my fault." O'Leary said.

The Welsh had Southall to thank for holding on to their lead as the Everton goalkeep-er made the kind of saves from Aldridge and Sheedy which are par for the course for him, but something out of the ordinary for most goal-

At least the last half-hour produced a more edifying speciacle for the crowd as the introduction of substitutes by both sides opened up what had been a congested affair, which was only to be expected with a total of ten players deployed in midfield.

Wales were always the more likely to break the deadlock, and might have profited in the first half from another mistake by O'Leary when the Arsenal central defender mis judged an up-and-under from Phillips under pressure from Hughes, and almost let in Saunders. Both Symons, for Wales, and Daish, for Ireland, could be pleased with their first international performances. Symons had a particularly fine game along-side Young, the Crystal Pal-ace central defender, and little chance to win over the

supporters. When the Irish have rounded off the rough edges of the muscular Daish they ought to have discovered at least one successor to McCarthy and Moran. His first game for them might have been even more memorable had he not completely miskicked from

TIME.

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Heading for defeat: Cascarino, the Republic of Ireland forward, gets the better of Symons yesterday

BY DENNIS SHAW

LES Sealey, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, was fined £2,000 and suspended for four marches by a Football Association tribunal yesterday for repute. The punishment was imposed after a personal hearing at which he was represented by Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, at the FA's head-

ham Hotspur captain, was

taken to hospital early vester-

day when he collapsed the morning after leading the England B team to victory

An ambulance was called

to the Burnham Beeches ho-

tel, on the Berkshire-Buck-

inghamshire border, where

the players were staying.

alarm was raised by police

who were on duty at the hotel.

over France B.

marters at Lancaster Gate. Michael Thomas, the Liverpool player, was also punished yesterday by an FA tribunal for bringing the game into disrepute. Thomas, who joined the Merseyside was fined £3,000 for criticising George Graham, the Arsenal manager, and life at Highbury shortly after his

£1.5 million move. Sealey's charge arose from Asson Villa's 1-0 home defeat

Mabbutt, aged 31, was taken to Wexham Park Hos-

pital. Slough, where he was

reated for a diabetic collapse.

He was among a large group

of players who were staying

at the hotel after the B game

A spokeswoman for Tot-

tenham Hotspur said that

Mabbutt, who is a diabetic,

had to take medicine on a

regular basis. She was un-

aware of his collapse, which

is understood to have left him

at Loftus Road.

by Sheffield Wednesday on January 18 when he twice ran 40 yards or more to remonstrate with the referee. George Courtney. Sealey claimed that a header from Nigel Jemson for the winning

It was the second of these demonstrations of dissent that incurred the wrath of the FA. since it came after the game when he had ample

Mabbutt collapses in hotel quarters of the hotel.

Mabbutt was detained at the hospital for several hours while doctors monitored his condition and kept him under observation. A hotel spokesman confirmed that the player had

been staying there with other England squad members. Mabbutt was to captain Tottenham in the north-London. derby with Arsenal in the League on Saturday.

tial" heat-of-the-moment

In reaching its decision, the FA took into account Sealey's previous record and the fact that he wrote a letter of apology to the referee. Sealey, who was also fined £2,000 by his club, has 14 days in which to

This means he will be available for the FA Cup sixthround tie at either Liverpool or Ipswich Town.

Thomas's charge was as a result of an Arsenal complaint to the FA about a Sunday newspaper article, which the club called "im-

proper and insulting". Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, said afterwards: "I am a wee bit disappointed that Arsenal are not here. They found it serious enough to complain, but not serious enough to be here

An FA spokesman said: The committee felt the newspaper article wasn't necessary and that it is unseemly for two high-profile figures in the game to be involved in public

Barrett able to take pick

IIY DENNIS SHAW

EARL Barrett, the Oldham Athletic defender, will decide today whether to join Arsenal or Aston Villa for a fee of £1.7 million. Both clubs have agreed the figure with Joe Royle, the Oldham manager. and the player has had talks with the clubs' managers.

George Graham, of Arsenal, initially offered cash plus the defender, Andy Linighan, in part exchange. Oldham, however, wanted a cash-only deal and the fee was

it was then that the Aston Villa manager, Ron Atkinson, moved into the negotiations, matching Arsenal's figure. "I have spoken to the player and now he has gone off to talk to George Graham again," Atkinson said. "Bar-rett has promised to let me know within 24 hours.

"What attracts me to him is that he is a very versatile player who can perform in any position across the back. It would be like signing three players in one."

Oldham signed Barrett for £35,000 from Manchester City in 1988. He won his first England cap in Australia last Summer:

Barrett has recently been playing at right back, which could suggest that, if Aston Villa are successful, he will replace the Poland international, Dariusz Kubicki, in that role for Villa.

Atkinson's signing yester-day of Mark Bosnich, the Australia goalkeeper, for Villa angered Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager.

Bosnich, aged 20, played three first-team games for United before he was forced to return to Australia to renew his work permit. Bosnich is back in the country because he has married an English woman and has signed a twoyear contract with Villa.

Ferguson said: "I'm ver disappointed, to say the least, after all we did for him. We had a definite understanding that, if he came back to England, it would be to join us. This has come out of the

Atkinson said: "Mark is a good young talent and has become available. I don't

know what all the fuss is about — the boy was a free agent." Celtic have offered £450,000 to Barnet for their winger. Paul Showler.

Showler, a policeman in Leeds, earlier this season turned down moves to Middiesbrough and Barnsley. Fry job, and obviously he has got his own demands, which will have to be met."

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Olazábal shows his best form By Our Sports Staff JOSÉ-Maria Olazábal shot a

66. six under par. in a pro-am tournament on the eve of the Tenerife Open that begins

Olazábal mastered the 6.384-yard course, in between handing out free lessons to the high-handicap amateurs he partnered for the

Olazabai, aged 26, won the tournament, at Golf del Sur. three years ago. "I love it -the weather is always perfect," he said.

After a low-key return to the European circuit last week in Malaga, where he finished



Olazábal: in fine form

joint seventeenth. Olazabal believes he is near to finding his best form again in only his second tournament since

November. "I was suffering from a neck injury last week and I'm still treating it with ice and cream," he said. "It is less painful now, although I still know the injury is there. It

shouldn't be a problem. "I took a couple of months off before Malaga because I need to get away from the game. I relax by going hunting with my friends.

"It takes time to be back at your best but now I'm ready to get going again. I'm building up towards the Masters at the beginning of April. This is one of six tournaments I'll be playing as preparation."

Olazabai finished runnerup to Ian Woosnam at Augusta last year and is determined to bury the disappointment that blighted much of his season.

Steve Richardson and David Gilford, who played inlast year's Ryder Cup alongside Olazabal, are also taking part but will find it hard to take the limelight away from the Spanish resort's favourite

Tour leaves footballers stumped

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN HAMILTON, BERNUDA

THE England A ream's brief visit here for four one-day games in the middle of the local foorball season means that the Bermuda teams will be without several leading players who were unable to break off from the winter game. Overall, though, cricket has come out well from the

clash of interests. The Bermuda FA has cancelled next weekend's programmes so as not to affect the attendances on Saturday

and Sunday for the first two England fixtures. It has also turned down a request from Arsenal to visit fleetingly next week, again because it wishes. to avoid detracting from in-All England's matches are

taking place at the local Somerset club ground, which nor-mally at this time of the year stages several football matches each weekend.

Football stopped there two weeks ago and the club has spent about £3,000 on some frantic remedial work to the It looked in good order yesterday when the England cricketers trained, though overnight rain ruled out serious net practice.

tive England side to come to the island since Len Hutton's 1953-4 MCC team spent the Christmas period here on the way to the West Indies. It is part of a determined drive by the Bermuda board of control to create interest and to raise Doug Ferguson, who for

ten years was a National Cricket Association coach in the north of England, is making a short visit to launch a coaching structure and to help the Bermuda players prepare for the England

Ferguson returns in May for three months and will supervise as Bermuda prepare for a fortnight's tour to England in June, when they have matches with four county second XIs, a Minor Counties XI and MCC Young

Border troubled, page 26 England's odds, page 26

Analyst casts doubt on Krabbe test

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Berlin: There may have been irregularities in a rest that led to the suspension of Karrin Krabbe, the world 100 and 200 metres champion, and two colleagues, it was claimed vesterday.

The German athletics federation (DLV) has reaffirmed its decision to ban Krabbe and two other east Germans, Silke Möller and Grit Breuer, until 1996, but Tilse Bechthold, a vice-president of the DLV. sounded a new note of uncertainty. "We have re-

garded our findings as water-

light up to now, but who

knows what the lawyers will find?" Bechthold was quoted as saying in the mass-circula-

tion newspaper, Bild.

Meanwhile, Jac van Rossum, a Dutch analyst, said the DLV's finding, that the three athletes had manipulated wine samples in South Africa last month to outwit rules against the use of performance-enhancing steroids. could eventually be overturned in court.

"Against all regulations, the test results were not individually packed. Manipulation [by outsiders] cannot be ruled out," yan Rossum, who was hired by Krabbe's sponsor, Nike, to examine test specimens in a Cologne laboratory, told Bild.

The DLV also violated procedure by failing to obtain a second, independent test, or consult the athletes before the South African results were made public, van Rossum said Krabbe, aged 22, and

Breuer. 20, have denied wrong-doing and lodged an appeal with the DLV legal commission. If they lose, they say they will file lawsuits. Both claim their urine tests were doctored by someone

Reinhard Rauball, a prom-

hired by the athletes, forecast their reinstatement in time for the Barcelona Olympics. "The chain of evidence of this allegedly manipulated urine sample is so thin we will break through it," Raubali said.

"The athletes have filed an extraordinary sworn statement denying the charge. It's definite the samples were tampered with, but the DLV has not proven the athletes were involved," he said on television after meeting Krabbe.

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Although the writers recalled above (from the left: Coleridge, Spenser, Joyce, Beckett and Chaucer) were some of the finest exponents of their art, not all would find their way into the essential canon for today's renaissance reader

great English novelists are Jane Austen, George Eliot, Henry James, and Joseph Conrad - to stop for a moment at that comparatively safe point in

No contemporary writer would dare to end (let alone begin) a work how F.R. Leavis kicked off The Great Tradition, published in 1948 and still the classic defence of the view that some books are so significant that they must be read

by every civilised human being. More than four decades later, we are still debating the point damorously. In last year's Shakespeare lecture at Stratford-upon-Avon, the Prince of Wales gave a warning that our taste for the merely contempo-rary and susceptibility to educational jargon was jeopardising the nation's cultural heritage.

His worst fears were doubtless confirmed by a recent survey at Kingston Polytechnic which showed that Shakespeare is no longer compulsory in half the nation's undergraduate literature courses. A flurry of letters to the press blamed it all on "the revolting students of the Sixties" and a new

"ideological tyranny".

The chanering classes, of course, have always enjoyed the game of literary one-upmanship, the desert island book discussions and the double bluff of serious book talk. In his film Zelig, Woody Allen plays a man whose shame that he has not read Moby Dick turns him into a pathological sycophant and chameleon, and there is something of this paranoia at every middle-class dinner party. Who would admit in polite company that he hadn't got round to King Lear or Great

Leavis's point was more profound: he believed that there were "important distinctions" to be

made in literature, that it was both possible and essential to decide which works were indispensable.

literature, a course of literary hurdles which the Naked Ape must clear to be become the Renaissance Man? If so, which authors should occupy it, and how do contemporary literati regard the traditions from which they sorane?

Few of those consulted in a Times straw poll were as obliging or decisive as Carol Smith, the literary agent, who, after a night to sleep on the matter, plumped for Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Jane Austen's Emma and Ford Madox Ford's The Good Soldier, "the best novel, of the 20th century".
"In some ways it's a lunatic

exercise," Malcolm Bradbury said, "because in the end those who love reading find their own books and that's absolutely cru-cial. You find the books with which you are sympathetic."

Still, he eventually took the plunge. For Bradbury, there must be seats reserved at the table of greatness for Cicero, Chaucer, Dante, Shakespeare, Dryden, Milton, Coleridge, Ibsen and Strindberg. Twentieth-century writing would be represented by Joyce, D.H. Lawrence, Proust, T.S. Eliot, Pound, Greene, Lowry, Beckett, Nabokov, Larkin, Calvino and Borges, while a few of Bradbury's contemporaries such as Miller, Marquez and Heaney also make it to the top of his literary Olympus.

He set an unforeseen trend in preferring to propose authors

Reading the right stuff Dante, Rushdie, Greene, Dryden . . . what are the essential works

rather than titles of books: clearly, the best and brightest imagine the canon as a vista of stern and scholarly faces rather than a shelf of dusty tomes. Madame Bovary and War and Peacs were the main

exceptions to this rule. • Susan Hill's off-the cuff list looked remarkably similar to Bradbury's, with Marlowe, Bunyan, Richardson, Fielding, Wilde, Years and Virginia Woolf also making an appearance. She pitched strongly for the idea of the canon, but objected to people who bought the world's hundred best books in a job-lot to line their lving-room walls.

Nicholas Mosley added a clutch Americans: Henry James, Faulkner, Fitzgerald - and John Dos Passos, author of the intermi-nable USA, a book which Mosley admits he has never finished.

"There was a literary canon up to the second world war, books which one ought to have read if one was a literary chap, the sort of books which are now Penguin Classics," says Mosley, whose book, Hopeful Monsters, won the Whitbread prize last year. "But I think it's got lost - like a lot of art the stream has spread into a

Lost, swamped or simply mislaid, the canon has always been natural terrain for vigorous and occasionally unseemly debate. Onthe one hand, traditionalists allege that we don't get enough of the above-mentioned standard writers

for today's educated reader? Matthew d'Ancona asks the experts

The Iliad Dante The Divine Comedy Shakespeare The Complete

Milton Paradise Lost Jane Austen Emma **Dickens** Great Expectations **Toistoy** War and Peace George Eliot Middlemarch Proust Remembrance of

Rushdie Midnight's Children The ten books listed above were those most commonly chosen in a Times straw poll of authors

and that our cultural heritage, the cement of western civilisation. Is withering away in the oppressive

heat of apathy. "The more we have of the canon the better," says Sir Kingsley Amis, who stands by the conven-tional roli-call of authors but fears It may be falling by the wayside. "I haven't been involved in education for 30 years but I imagine the situation is dire."

On the other side of the fence, radicals of all persuasions see the canon as all too prevalent, the written expression of imperialism. racism and patriarchy, and the last true bastion of the "dead white European male". Literary theory, feminism and political correctness have chipped away at the very notion of the canon, and, in different ways, focused suspicion on the liberal, humanistic values which it embodies. Old-fashioned books and authors are out: competing political agendas are in.

Martin Amis dwelt mischie-vously upon the kind of literature that might actually be politically correct. "I imagined a kind of arcadian, semi-rural existence in which everyone would be equal and sexual difference would be underplayed," he said. "But I think the canon will survive and rightly so. It's become the canon for good reasons, which have nothing to do with 'values'. It's work that's been found to be

continually challenging and interestine" The mansion of the great tradition may still be standing, but the door is definitely ajar. All sorts of influences have crept in since Leavis pronounced. Salman Rushdie's Midnight's Children was often cited as the most important work of recent years, awakening English readers to the rich possibilities of a multicultural literature, as likely to embrace The

Mahabharata as The Iliad. Bhikhu Parekh, professor of political theory at the University of Hull, thought that Rushdie and Farrukh Dhondy had sown the seeds of a new literary consciousness, but bemoaned the failure of universities to absorb Afro-Caribbean and Asian writing in the mainstream curriculum.

Toni Morrison's magnificent

advertised. I had struck lucky and

"Okay girls," the manager would say to his new staff, "our

customers are discriminating men

who expect the very finest in

obscene phone-call technology and that's what I intend giving

them. And any girl who doesn't

wear a black basque, fish-nets and

patent leather fishing waders to

the office can go and work for the

opposition." But, then again, giv-

en that one of the New York talk

shows recently revealed that one of

the most successful talk-sex girls

was, in fact, a 20-stone man with a

After another couple of minutes

of this, I put down the phone

There was no way, even for this

column, that I could say the things

high voice, this was unlikely.

found the only honourable one.

candidate for the modernised list. Patricia Duncker, author of Sisters and Strangers, a survey of contemporary feminist fiction.

thought that the writings of Alice Walker, Emily Dickinson and Kate Chopin would also endure. "There have always been women writers in there, such as Austen, the Brontes, Woolf, George Eliot and Sylvia Plath," she said. "The point is that they are now being interpreted in a

different way by feminists." The prescriptive idea that there are a few English-language books which we must read to be civilised has certainly taken a bashing. Most shied away from definitive lists. Many preferred to hedge their bets by speaking of "canons" in the plural, as if to avoid the authoritarian implications of the original question. But the basic message from a sample of today's writers was loud and clear: some books are better than others and we ought to read them.

Common to all camps in the monumental writings have the capacity to change lives and outlooks, to crash thunderously through the intellect and the emotions. "I still feel you have to stand up and be counted on this one," Susan Hill said. "If a book broadens your imagination, increases your perspectives, if you feel you understand more about life, then that's important."

Books, pages 4 and 5

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Hack rendered speechless in sex probe

am not without sin. Given the opportunity, and the absolute certainty that nobody is watching. I'm sure there are any number of crimes of which I am capable. Once when my student grant had run out six weeks before the end of term, I found myself scriously discussing with an equally skint college-mate (and a man who now drives a Panda car for a living somewhere in Sussex) the chances of getting away with turning over the local NatWest and what stopped us was not a higher moral code, but the base assumption that we'd get caught. On the same basis, I've always been pretty sure I could be a minor forger, a small-time embezzler, one of the more elegant brands of con-artists.

I write this from New York. which is, according to a line of public-service graffiti daubed on a boarded-up topless bar on Seventh Avenue, Safe Sex Capital of the Free World. Seventh Avenue is where New York's hookers used to roam fairly freely in the days when the worst you could get for consorting with one of their number was a walk-on part at the local court and/or a course of penicillin jabs. Now that the word has spread that some 50 per cent of the local girls are HIV positive, business has dropped off somewhat. According to Screw, the New York sex industry's answer to the Wall Street Journal, such action as remains is confined to a number of low profile houses which offer 'body rubs". No. don't ask: I'm afraid this column doesn't run to

diagrams.
1 bought Screw — which sits next to The New York Times on every news stand here - because a New Yorker friend told me that if I were writing about sex I had a professional duty to investigate 1-900 numbers. Dialling these, he insisted, is what lone, frustrated New York men now do instead of cruising Seventh Avenue. The 1-900 number is the American equivalent of our own 0898 numbers — the numbers that are: advertised in the back pages of some of the dodgier tabloids and the front pages of the magazines that are stored on the newsagents' top-most shelves. Ring up an 0898 number in the UK and a taperecorded woman with a bad asthma problem will spend ten breathy minutes telling you about all the other 0898 numbers you could have rung and will then introduce a colleague who will tell you a relatively innocent story. By the time you got anything which would be half-way useful as a PRIVATE LIFE

John Diamond tries hard to get kicks from a telephone



fantasy, you'll have spent £5 or £6

at least. In the US, it's all rather different. While British calls are taped and limited, by law, in scope, the American calls are live and as graphic as you like. Ring, therefore, 1-900-860-DUCK (and, as far as I could see all the other permutations of that mnemonic had already been used by rival companies) and you'll get a woman at the other end asking precisely what it is you want to talk about. And I mean precisely.

Given that my call was borne of journalistic endeavour rather than sexual frustration. I found myself at something of a disadvantage. I didn't know what I wanted to talk about. What do other men talk about?

"Oh, you know honey: anything really

Right. I tried to think of a question rather than a statement: this, at least, would put the ball in her court. "So what's your name?"

"My name's Lamar, honey." She managed to spread the two yllables over ten seconds: Laaammmm-arrrr". 1 didn't know whether it sounded sexier that way or, at \$1,99 a minute, just earned more. "You wanna know what I'm

wearing, honey?" Now why hadn't I thought of that question? She ran through a brief list of underwear that was about as likely as her name.

"Hey, honey: would I lie to For a moment, I tried to convince myself that of all of the dozens of 1-900 lines I had seen

work?" I asked.

"Is that what you really wear to through my head: "In my day, we used to make our own

rather less interactive, it earns millions of pounds. And the strangest thing of all is that throughout the conversation, and as I thought of things I knew I was meant to be shouting down the phone, one phrase kept ringing

and ask the questions that were obviously expected of me. What is remarkable, is that in the US this is a multi-billion dollar industry and in the UK, where the service is

The fifteen day holiday costs £2,999. Sun. 26 April. The cost is £499 with the luncheon.



PYGMIES IN THE RUINS: Ron Hydrinson's attring drams, inst seen at the Lync Theatre, Belfast, explored two violent deaths in the city, separated by 120 years of troubles. Previous begin longist, and the production opens on Monday.

Royal Court, Steere Square, London SW1 (071-730 1745), 8pm

UNCLE VANYA: tan McKaflen, Antony Sher, Lessey Sherp in a promaing new version of Chekhov's play from Pam Gems, directed by Seen Mathias. The production previews from tonight and London SE1 (071-928 2252), 7 30pm

IN THE MIDDLE, SOMEWHAT ELEVATED: The Royal Ballet presents a new acquistion, the one-act ballet by the Amenican choreographer Williams Forsythe on a contresting imple bill with Mahama a workings a matricel ballets. Monotones and Scient de bellet (see Royal Opera House, Coven! Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1098), 7.30pm

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: As part of a trople ball, ENB presents the work by Robert North. Entitled A Stranger! Came, the piece is set to Schuber! songs and is designed by Andrew Storer Following its premiere in Cambridge, the work will be tehan on ENB's established by Andrew Arts Theatre, 8 St Edward's Passage, Cambridge (0223 352000), 2 30pm and from ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: As

() 'ALLO, 'ALLO: Gorden Keye and his team of funny frogs and knauts up to thes lamilor antics Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fn, Set 5 30pm and 8 30pm.

BECKET: Riveling performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anouth's play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Henry II. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SWI (071-Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat. 3pm 155mins.

LA BETE: Brevers performance by Alan Currening in a strange Molère perody eccentric but clever Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (061-741 2311), Mon-Sat, 7-45pm, mate Wed, 2 30pm, Sat, 4pm 145mss.

THE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the Halfern hightspot-high on energy, low on story freshness. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404) Mon-Fn, 7 30pm, Sat. 8pm, mets Wod, 2.30pm, Sat. 4pm 180mins.

THE CUTTING: Intriguing two-hander by Maureen O'Brien between a sient prisoner on a murder rap and a psychatratic Fine performences. Bush, Snepherde Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3368) Mon-Sal, 8pm 120min DISANCING AT LUIGHNASA: Briss Final a Olavor Award-winning memory-play, set in 1930e Donegal. Garrick, Chump Cress Read, WC2 (971-494-5085) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mate Thurs, 8pm. Sat, 4pm 150mins.

MAN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes droll look

Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-484 5075) Mon-Thurs, Bpm, Fri, Set, 5pm and 8 45pm 130mms. D FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty and stylish version of Macheth's climb to the lop, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Strites songs. Bauleverd, Waster's Court, off Peter Street, W1 (071-437 2881) Mon-Sat. B 15pm, Fri late show, 10 18pm, mat Sat, 8pm

THE GIGLI CONCERT: Barry The single contains the bigs of the contains an inert militarise (Tony Dayle) into the new Gigli in Tom Murphy's powerful fable. Almelds, Almelds Street, N1 (071-358 4464), Mon-Sart, Spm. met Set, Apm. 180mins Final week.

NEW RELEASES

rottors' marvelous recebre comedy bout a New York playwright all at see 1940e Holfywood. Starring John sturre, John Goodman, A trobe rings girtes BARTON FINK (15). The Coen 0691) Screen on the HIII (071-435 3366)

. THE PAYOUR, THE WATCH AND ♦ THE PAYQUE, THE WATCH AND THE VERY BIG FISH (15) Frisky about a French photographer of devotional scenes (Bob Hoslans) strugging to find his Christ With Jeff Goldblum, Natasha Richardson deactor, Ben Lewin Odeon Haymarket (0428 915353)

THE LUNATIC (15) Helty German leveral denote unders a sermen mocent (the abullent Paul Campbell) Articos feature result for director Lel Creme Prince Charles (071-437 8181)

PROBLEM CHILD II (PG) Dismu Sequel to an stready dire original, with Nachael Ohver (the delinquent tyles), John Pitter (the devorced dad), and much flying vernit Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trockdere (071-434 0031) Piaza (071-497 2989) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

♦ STAR TREK VI: THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY (PG) Farewell Riff and Speck bat galasy war mongers in their last screen ming but adequate With William Shather Logrand Names, director, Nicholas

Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9-72) Fulham Road (071-370-2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792-3332)

CURRENT

BLACK ROBE (15) Seventeenth contany Jesus (Lothare Blateau) hies to convert Indians in northern Quebec intelligem epic from Brian Moore & rayed Director Bruce Beresford

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and inment compiled by Karl Knight

ANDREA MANTEGNAL Since one of antegra's grandest works, the gree enes devoted to The Tnumphs of Caesar, is part of the royal coll Caesar, is part of the royal collections, London seems a logical place to launch this first major retrospective of the painter for many years (it goes on to the Metropolition, New York). Maintegna is unique among 15th-century Italian eritists for the impression the gives of passion only just held in check by the disciplines of classical term.

6pm, unbi April 5. Sponsored by Olivetti.

DOUBLETAKE: The general subject of this large international show is "Collective Memory and Current Art". Even the designer, Aldo Rossi, is renowned for his writings on collective renowned for his writings on collective memory in architecture, and the 22 artists included are all vary conscious of living in and on the mass middle a west store of shared experiences. Works are inside the Hayward and scattered around in the open, the media are sometimes improbable. Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (071-261 0127), Daily, 10am-8pm (Tues, Wed to 8pm), opens today until April 19.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London House full, returns only
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I GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE Supplying muscal calabrating Fiftees and Settles pop classics Great stuff Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-240 0300) Mor-Thurs, 8pm. Fri, Sat, 5-30pm and 8-30pm 215mins.

MAKING IT DETTER JAMES Saunders' subtle pity concerned with ideals, reality and liberation in Prague and London: Jene Asher in an exemplary cast of low Hampetsed, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301) Mon-Sat, Spra, mat Sat, 4pm. 120mms.

THE MARTER AND MARGARITA: remericable compression of Butgelov's novel about the dreft's resident but the samming comedy comes over wall.

Battersee Arts Centre, Old Town Heal, Levender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223), Tues-Set, 7.30pm, met Sun, 6pm. Final week

se THE NIGHT OF THE IGLIANA.
Altred Motins and a superb Elleen
Altrea in Tennames willimmire tas
play on the effects of secure represent
National (Lyteston), South Bank, 3E1
(71-928-2652), Today 2.18pm and
7.30pm

CI PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleeful version of the old thriller: tunes by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071 379 5398) Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Set, 8.30pm, meta Thure, 3pm, Set, 3pm 150mine

SELF PORTRAIT: Absorbing, it at times confusing, study of the painter Gwen John and the impulse behind her portraits of stricken women. Orange Tree, Clerence Street, Profumord (981-940 3633) Men-Bat, 7 45pm, mat Sat, 4pm 190mins. III SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twee singer-denoers what through the music of Duke Ellington. Obvious routines cannol deguise the true rueful Duke.

CINEMA GUIDE

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BLAME IT ON THE BELLBDY (12):
 Mistels of Christians of Vence Impersonal, machine-tooled, did-feshioned farce With Dudley Moore, Richard Griffiths, Patay Kernit, Wriss-director, Mark Horman Cannon Chelses (071-352 5096)
 Odeores: Kernington (0426 914586)
 Wast End (0426 978874) Whiteleys (071-755 5555).

BOULU SAVED FROM DROWNING (PG). Welcome revival of Jean Penous's stretchic pessorate (1932), with Michel Simon as the unregionarate tramp clasped to the bourgoos bosom Paus Jean Vigo's surreal view of school days. Zero de condule (U). Rende (071-037 5-02)

DEATH IN BRUINSWICK (15) See Neal as an ageing mother's boy sucked into love victimes and socidental munder Teaty black contacty from new Carnons: Chelses (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Rosel (071-536 5148) Matrix 1171-427 478-75

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FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (15) hort-order cook (Al Pacino) courts a ary waitross (Michelle Pfeitler): Berticen (071-538 8891) Cennon Fulham Road (071 370 2636) Empire

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Still one of our most undervalued conductors, Vernon Handley takes the orchestra through a Handley takes the orchestra through a taking conservative programme, consisting of Holet's Egdon Hamile, because is these Concerts this 5 (with Arnalda Cohen), and the Second Symptomy of another seriously undervelved figure, Robert Simpton. Coleton Half, Brastol (0272 223088), 7.350m.

OPERA NORTH: The company continues its spring seeson in Hull that week. Tonight Ray Laughtin conducts Helena Kaux-Howson's production of the partnerme open, Assoprancia, by Carl Nietsen, with Mary Hogarty as Laungra. Later performances this week include the company's accomplished. include the company's accomplish revival of Franz Schreker's rerely navive or trant opinious a grey heard, experimental opera Der Ferne-kleng, directed by the distinguished mezzo-sopreno Brigitte Fessbänder, and Opera North's new, considerably strained production of Madama Butterfly. Grand Theetre, 46 New Briggets, Leeds (0532 458351/440971), 7.15pm

XEROCES: Nicholas Hytner's bright, clean production of Hendel's Xeraes makes a thumphent return to the English National Opera repertote, revived by Julis Hollander: A strong cast is headed by Ann Murray in the title role, with Yvonne Karmy as Romide, and Norman Balley as Anodetes hor Botton conducts.

Collegum, 3t Martin's Lase, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7pm.

Globe, Shefteebury Avenue, W? (971-494 5065). Mon-Fri, Spm. Set, 8 30pm, mais Wed, 3pm, Set, 5pm. 130mms. C A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two plankits in Bushile tribute to Cole Porter's wit and way melodias. Vaudaville, The Strand, WCZ (IT1-201-9987). Mon-Fri, iburn, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm, 140mins.

▼ TALKING HEADS: Patricle Houseofs and Alex Bessell scheduler three of the monologues charting the space of the monologues charting the space of the monologues of the pain of

decolate Irves. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sal, Spm, mate Wed, 3pm, Sal, 4pm. 150mine. ☐ A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively period of baseful oldies, Good fur. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8 15pm, Frt, Sat, 6 15pm and Spm. 120mins

El WALPURGIS NIGHT: Fereinsting look at hite and death in a Soviet paychetric hospital by V. Eroleyev, a termer inmate. Since Wisen translates. Gate, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Plass, WT1 (971 259 0700) Micro-Ser, V. Whom. Micro-Ser,

7.30pm. 160mins.

LONG RUNNIERS: Z. Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-838 5872). Z. Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-957 1044). Z. Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-957 1044). Z. Buddy Victors Palesc (071-854 137). Z. Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7915). Z. Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7915). Z. Catts: New London (071-405 0072). Don't Dress for Dirmer: Apolio (071-94 5070). Z. Pive Gluys Named Most: Lytic (071-494 5045). Z. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcost: Pallacium (071-494 5045). Z. Marcin's (071-494 507). Z. Marcin's (071-495 507). Z. Marcin's (071-495 507). Z. Marcin's (071-494 507). Z. The Mousetry (071-494 507). Z. The Prantom of the Opera: New Majastry (071-494 500). Z. The Majastry (071-494 500). Z. The Mousetry of the Opera: New Majastry (071-494 500). Z. The Mousetry of the Opera: New Majastry (071-494 500). Z. The Mousetry of The Mousetry (071-494 500). Z. The Majastry (071-494 500). Z. The Maja

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 JFK (15), Other Stone's contentious, electrifying, three-hour drams about the Kennedy aleasainstion. Kevin Costner as crussding D.A., Jim Gardeon; a bust annother cost. auppoding cast.
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LITTLE MAN TATE (PG): How and how not to rear a child prodgy. An engaging young player (Adam Hans Byrd) and sensible deciden (Jode Foster) easily offset the facile

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Women over the verge

THEATRE

Dangerous Dolls Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

THE Lyric has given these plays the joint title of *Dangerous Dolls*, and with good reason. One is about a hotel receptionist's violent obsession with the heroine of a television soap opera. The other has the protagonist skipping and snarling with joy as she hears her mother being murdered with an electric drill on the other end of the phone. Oh yes, and each is by a woman stand-up comedian, a species clearly to be approached with care. Anybody looking for light enter-tainment at the W.I. Christmas party should consider hiring someone a bit safer, such as a prizefighter.

Jenny Eclair's Munany's Little Girl is the better piece: a fiercely concentrated monologue about what it is like to be Mrs Worthington's daughter after that lady has ignored Noël Coward's advice and put the poor tot on the stage. The difference is, of course, that this is a television age,

and it is commercials and children's soaps into which Sally is thrust.

She claims to have been singing, dancing and selling toothpaste while still attached to the placents, and appearing in a serial about lovable piglets when not long out of the sandpic. "Everything I did, I did for my mother," she grumbles from the debris of her flatlet and the remnants of her 30-year-old life.

Eclair herself plays Sally with an energy that goes way beyond the merely sardonic. If she is filled with cream, as her name implausibly suggests, it has been laced with insecticide, germicide and fungicide,

not to mention matricide. Much of the play consists of impotent denunciations of her mother - "bride of Satan", "corpse in carpet slippers" — who has destroyed her with guilt-mongering and ambition. But most of it evokes the process of destruction itself: the drugs, the abortion, the hopeless marriage, the bouts of shoplifting, and a professional decline that culminates in a half-hearted offer to play the part ("less walk-on than lie-down") of a squashed pedesman in an episode of Boon.

What saves the portrait from becoming predictable, even for-mulaic, is Eclair's blend of wit. inventiveness and ebullient pugnac-ity. There is a hilariously bilious description of Sally raging back to a room "smelling of dead cat and Chinese takeaway" after yet another pushy lunch with her mum. There is another, less savage but funnier, of the bladder trouble that literally douses her come-back at the Royal

Variety Performance. By the end, she is reduced to rampaging through south London with a black stocking over her face. in hopes of stirring the maternal heart with a starring performance on Crimewatch UK: a task foredoomed to failure, like everything else aimed at that elusive organ.

By comparison, Julie Balloo's Soap Crazy seems less punchy and more prolix. The author herself plays an Australian cousin of the kind of American screwball who starts by shyly worshipping a John Lennon or a Jodie Foster and, feeling rebuffed. ends up plotting awhil revenges; and Laurel Lefkow defensively grins and twitches her way through the role of her victim. There is, it seems, a pretty big difference between people's fanta-sies of the fulfilling life that celebrities lead and the real insecurities and



· A life in revolt: Jenny Eclair in Mummy's Little Girl

disappointments of celebrity itself. That irony is somewhat over-obvious, as is the parody of downmarket television serials: but the piece undeniably comes to life when Balloo lets rip with the poison-pen letters and threatens to do the same with the vitriol bottle. The more dangerous the doll, the more fun the show: a comment, maybe, on our times.

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CONCERT

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A CONCERT of 20th-century works, including two new commissions, would not normally draw a large audience. But a good deal of interest was aroused by the English Chamber Orchestra's concert under Sian Edwards, putting the new works, by Michael Berkeley and Howard Skempton, together with a 1981 piece by David Manthews, alongside classics by Bartok (Divertimento for

Strings) and Kurt Weill. Berkeley's Clarinet Concerto, the result of a personal commission from Emma Johnson, is related to a current operatic project dealing with the traumatic childhood experiences of Kipling that led him to seek solace in the animal kingdom. Although there is no "programme" as such, it is probably not too fanciful to hear the child's fear in the hesitant, repeated notes on the solo instrument that open and close the work, and the confrontation with a brutal world in the two chilling climaxes.

The latter are impressively gencrated, with the soloist ducking and

THE idea of releasing a new single

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eccentricity than avarice. In the era of

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Throughout its six-year existence,

the band has remained studiously indifferent to rock's more extravagant

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move out of the independent sector by releasing a record of Ukrainian-style

songs. Their devoted fans, who have

so far managed to make a small hit of each monthly release, clearly delight

weaving among the orchestral wind, not least the two clarinets that Berkeley daringly uses to amplify and highlight the solo line. Johnson made light of what sounded like formidable technical difficulties, to give an expressive account of her concerto.

Also receiving its first London performance was Howard Skempton's The Light Fantastic. Skempton called himself an "experimental" composer but this is anything but avant-gard stuff. Admitting that manipulation of the musical materials is the name of the game, rather than self-expression; he indulges in quasi-minimalist sequences and melodic ideas exceptional only for their blandness. Indeed the sliding chro-matic harmonies may have been spicier than intended, thanks to the raggedness of the ECO strings.

For David Matthews's Introit we had to imagine the resonant cathedral acoustic for which it was intended. Its main feature of interest occurs right at the en trumpeters (Gerald Ruddock and Edward Hobart) representing "angel musicians", spiral off into the ether. Weill's Second Symphony, written

in exile in 1933, needs more bite. more of the bitter tang of his Brechtian music, than we heard. Possibly the deadness of the hall was partly to blame, for the symphony, something of an orchestral show-piece, was rattled off competently enough by the ECO.

Search for lost style

DANCE Ashton ballets

Covent Garden WE HAVE come to a pretty pass when the Royal Ballet dances William Forsythe's choreography better than Frederick Ashton's. My admiration for Forsythe's In the middle, some-what elevated is high, and at its second performance on Monday the cast was doing it even better than at the premiere: more cohesion and just

as much attack.

They should be good. The nine dancers were chosen by Forsythe and had final rehearsels with him after Glen Tuggle. Very few of the dancers now performing the two Ashton works on this programme can actually have known or worked with him, but he is proudly listed on the masthead as founder choreographer, his work is the company's greatest claim to international distinction. and the ballet staff have personal

experience of his wishes. Scènes de ballet at least had the by the ECO.

experienced Lesley Collier to hold it together: she has a lovely quality in her arms and speed and still a lot of

crispness in her feet. But the younger dancers with her could do with some polishing and sharpening to their attack. Maybe it would help to return to the gloves and the blue tights which the women originally wore, and the hats for the men, to force them to a more special quality through a feeling of unfamiliarity.

Monotones suffers more. There have now been two casts, and the first trio (dancing to Satie's Trois Gnossiennes) was really not up to the mark either time. I hardly knew whether to laugh or cry at the sight of the three dancers progressing across the stage with a series of sharp kicks front and back. Whatever happened to the sensuousness Ashton would have taken for granted from his

dancers? The second trio (Trois Gymno-pèdies), which is choreographically superior, is better done, with either Bryony Brind, in a rare guest appearance, or Darcey Bussell showing a ael Nunn and Mark Silver. But even this lacks something of its rapt, moonstruck quality, the flow of the dance has been replaced by a more

fragmented look. It is good to have these works back in the repertoire for audiences who have too long lacked any sight of them. But it ought to be possible to get back the right style. If that is not done now, while the original dancers are still around, the chance will be lost.

JOHN PERCIVAL

Sounds unconventional

ROCK

The Wedding Present The Waterfront, Norwich.

in the band's quirkiness. It is hard not to cherish a group whose first album was entitled George Best, and who sing songs about William Shatner.

Captain Kirk of Star Trek.
For all their eccentricity, The Wedding Present's stage performance is surprisingly low-key. Only David Gedge, the group's singer and writer.

offers any sign of passion, and then just in occasional shouted outbursts. His limited vocal range is used conversationally, most often to com-plain dolefully about the iniquities of love in songs such as "Brassneck" and Bewitched". But while he may look like a love-sick poet, his vision is leavened with a detached amuse-ment. It is a pose which recalls both Lou Reed and Ray Davies.

What really guarantees that The Wedding Present are never maudlin, though, is the melodic drive of the music. Despite Gedge's preference for the most minimal of choruses and the

fuzzy roar of his and Paul Dorrington's guitars, the band always managed to squeeze a tune out of the noise. The key to this was Keith Gregory's twangy, rolling bass lines which gave shape to the frantic chords. However bitter the song, or peculiar its topic, each one retained a

distinct catchiness.

But while The Wedding Present have a sharp ear for pop's sounds. they still continue to appear engagingly indifferent to its other conventions. When other performers will hit the stage with a beer or something stronger, David Gedge ambled on with what seemed to be a cup of coffee.

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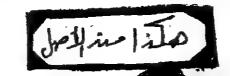
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Geoff Brown reviews The Prince of Tides, Raise the Red Lantern, Father of the Bride, Afraid of the Dark and Une Histoire inventée

a pretty pass when Barbra Streisand never sings a note in a film, but her co-star Nick Nolte does, "And That's What I Like 'Bout the South!" bawls the weather-worn giant, hands outstretched, during The Prince of Tides (15. Odeon Leicester Square). A Grammy award seems un-

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But we should not complain. Streisand is busy with other things. She directs, for the first time since Yentl, 11 years ago; she also produces, and cradles the film in her arms. Pat Conroy, whose novel provided the source material, penned a fan letter on seeing the results: "You rescued my sweet book, and you've honoured me by taking it with such great seriousness and love."

Indeed. From the first mo-ments, The Prince of Tides sets itself up as a large, longfaced film with a strong emotional sweep, all polished up for the Oscars. Early scenes etch the storm-tossed South Carolina childhood of Nolte's Tom Wingo, an unemployed football coach who comes to New York to aid the recovery of his suicidal sister. Streisand, garlanded with dark tresses, a becoming wardrobe and flattering camerawork to match, is Dr Susan Lowenstein, the chic psychiatrist with brown-panelled rooms and a mountain

of pain to heal. Once Wingo and Lowenstein — the odd couple Mark Two — join forces, old-fashioned precepts of Hollywood romance rear their heads: though the Angst billowing through Conroy and Becky Johnston's script keeps sug-gesting wider ambitions. Wingo suffers from a crumbling marriage and a stunted heart: Lowenstein is tied to Jeroen Krabbe's caricature of a possessive husband (a famous violinist, to boot). The odd couple's love affair unblocks Wingo's life, though his sis-

"Feel the nain." Lowenstein advises with great understanding once the family's unspoken secret slips out. Noite duly cries, head against chest. At such moments you expect Streisand to sprout angel's wings, though the scene also demonstrates Nolte's courage in demolishing his strongman image. His is a remarkable perfor-

hings have come to mance: virile, yet vulnerable, alert to every inner torment the script can devise. Around him cluster fine performers. though the film rarely gives them enough space. Blythe Danner as his long-suffering wife, Kate Nelligan as the mother whose fancy airs help put the Wingos on their downward spiral.

All told, The Prince of Tides proves a mixed blessing: a fervent film that treats its characters as sentient beings, not punch-bags; a film let down by clumsy patches and a general air of preciosity. Either way, Streisand and Note make *The Prince of* Tides difficult to ignore.

Fashions in art cinema come and go. Where now are those beautiful, arid Italian enigmas, those Indian fables of magic and mystery? When great directors decline, or fall into silence as have Antonioni and Satyajit Ray. interest in their national cinema declines alongside. The reverse happens when a new talent emerges: and the Chi-nese director Zhang Yimou is one of the best reasons why cinema from the Far East has taken such a hold on discerning audiences.
Raise the Red Lautern

(PG, Metro, Renoir) immed-iately plunges us into Zhang's special world. Admirers of Red Sorghum and Ju Dou will spot the signposts: a period setting (the 1920s); a drama about women trapped by social laws and sexual jealousy; shots designed. timed and coloured with a visual poet's flair. Once again, Zhang's wife Gong Li. a flawless beauty, is his hero-ine and muse, cast as a 19year-old, briefly educated at university, forced through financial straits to become the fourth concubine of a wealthy

hang is in his ele-ment, fortimals and colour symbolism dominate life at the grand mansion: Red lanterns wife chosen for the master's sexual favours; when evening comes her feet are massaged with rattles that echo through the building, infuriating the other wives left in the lurch. Wife number three, a former opera singer whose regal bitchery suggests a Chinese Joan Crawford, throws temperamental fits and takes delight in warbling away at ungodly hours; number two.



Barbra Streisand in The Prince of Tides: She directs and co-stars with Nick Nolte but, for a change, she is not featured as a singer

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a homelier type, masks her enmity in smiles. Before the end, an ear is sliced and a pregnancy faked; someone is nanged, another goes mad. Yet despite the inviting

plot. Zhang holds in check the surging melodrama that made Ju Dou so exhilarating. Action unfolds with a chess game's deliberation; symmetry dominates the framing, the characters impaled in the mansion's doorways and alleys. Zhang creates powerful spectacle from the hoisting and extinguishing of the lanterns; he draws equal power from the acts of violence that we only hear. The master himself, wafting between wives at his own whim, looms in the film's shadows; this makes him appear all the

more omnipotent.
"I reveal my ideas towards society, toward marriage, toone Chinese family," Zhang has explained. The view of his homeland appears despairing: this society, manacled to past traditions, warps and

stifles any free spirits.

No wonder the film remains banned in the People's Republic of China itself. As cinema, though, Raise the Red Lantern is a dazzling achievement: thoroughly gripping, beautifully controlled and

magnificently performed. When a film begins with a dishevelled Steve Martin, sitting in an armchair, unburdening his woes straight to the camera, you eagerly look forward to your first laugh. In time Father of the Bride (PG, Odeon West End, Odeon Marble Arch) supplies smiles, titters and occasional gul-faws: but a thick pall of disappointment still hangs in the air. Whenever Martin laws, a handsome San Marireturns to his narration, as the father driven frantic by no house for the Banks menage. (Diane Keaton, for-

The original film, after all, was funny enough. Spencer Tracy played the harassed father. Elizabeth Taylor was the blushing bride, sent off into cosy domesticity with all the expectations and modern provide. Edward Streeter's original book, delightfully il-lustrated by Gluyas Williams, was funnier still, in its understated way. But times and the American hearth have changed; and this remake, written and directed by the husband-and-wife team of

his daughter's impending marriage, you feel like collar-ing him: "Hey, Steve, where

are the jokes?

Charles Shyer and Nancy Meyers, makes a botched job skin-deep emotional scenes help drag out the proceedings to 105 minutes. For all its of freshening the material. True, Steve Martin's father

faults, Alan Alda's Betsy's - still called Mr Banks manufactures athletic shoes; Wedding, two years ago. found better ways of making a modern wedding relevant. and his daughter (pleasantly portrayed by Kimberly Wiliams) almost abandons her touching, and funny. beau after he gives her a Those unable to watch the razor slicing the eyeball in kitchen blender, symbol of the housewife's life she refuses to lead. Yet marriage and Bunuel and Dali's Un Chien family values remain on a pedestal, while the characters live in an affluent cocoon: a Bel-Air mansion for the in-

Culkin, Macaulay's younger brother, complete the family.) hyer and Meyers's script seems an exercise in spectator frustration. When Martin squeezes into his old tuxedo, or starts acting up in a supermarket, the stage is set scenes fizzle out. Instead, time is wasted extracting cheap

limp-wristed "wedding coordinator", gabbling in an impossible accent. The soundtrack's snippets of 1960s hits make the film easy listening for the babyboomer target audience, but

crouched under the seat in fear. For starters, blind

Andalou will probably spend Afraid of the Dark (18, Cannon Haymarket) people get slashed with a razor by a mystery psycho-path; the attack weapon then changes to a knitting needle, aimed you know where. British writer-director

Mark Peploe, a past collabo-rator with Antonioni and Bertolucci, has higher aims than the film's bare bones indicate. Fantasy sequences trip up the spectator; voyeurism and fear come under the microscope, while homage is

Tom.
The first half, at least,

ARTS BRIEF

Reel money

THE American film industry is taking a keen interest in Britain's budget, Jack Valenti, head of the Motion Picture Association of America, recently visited London to ask the Treasury to consider investment incentives for film production in the forthcommg budget.

Such incentives could mean a return to the mid-Eighties level of American production in Britain, when films such as Star Wars and the Indiana Jones series were made here. British film producers have been waging their own campaign for in vestment incentives in a bid to boost Britain's declining cinema industry.

Away to home

THE Royal Ballet is returning to Japan, for the first time in five years. The four-week tour will take Covent Garden's resident company to Tokyo and 11 other cities with a repertoire including the full-length La Bayadere, as well as one-act ballets by Ashion. MacMillan and Bintley The tour, which opens on May 15, also represents something of a homecoming for one company member: first soloist Tetsuya Kumakawa wili dance the bravara Bronze Idol solo from Baraden in his hometown of Sapporn.

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of London's unlovely suburbs.

cemetery and gasometer cheek by jowl with stifling terraced housing. Yet dis-agreeable elements blot out

the virtues, and much of the

acting hangs fire. Ben Keyworth casts a modest spell

as a lonely 11-year-old, the key to the film's mysteries, but

Fanny Ardant's presence

seems just a sop to the French

co-financiers, and James Fox

A taste for the wackier

aspects of French-Canadian

humour is absolutely essen-

tial for Andre Forcier's Une

Histoire inventée, awarded

five performances at the Nat-

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weary jazz trumpeter falls for

his former lover's daughter,

currently playing Desdemo-na in a peeling Montreal

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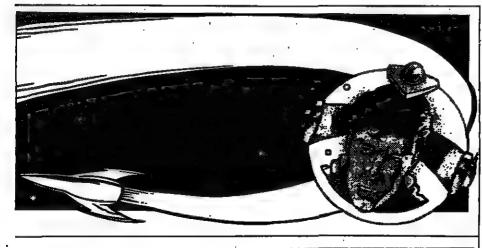
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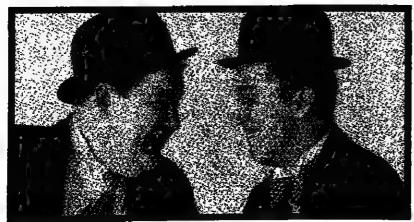
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YOUNGER brother is often an invidious role. Alberto Savinio was born three years after Giorgio de Chirico, and despite the change of name and different fields of activity (Savinio was a musical prodi-gy and noted writer before he took up painting), he never quite threw off his sibling's shadow. The centenary retrospective at the Accademia Italiana (071-225 3474) in Kensington shows him to have been a very different sort of painter, a fully-fledged Surrealist with his own batch of obsessive images, and easily able to stand on his own feet. The exhibition continues until Sunday.

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Writer returns to vivid life

ome writers are gregarious: they enjoy the company of those leaders of publishing and the media whose fat cheques and fickle praise offer reassurance that they are not forgonen. Others are solitary creatures; even if they do not shun success, they prefer the fellowship of beings who, like them, greet obscurity with gratitude. And yer each kind of writer may be infinitely inquisitive about the other. That is the starting-point of last night's Miss Pym's Day Out (Bookmark, BBC 2): a subtle and affecting dramadocumentary produced and directed by James Runcie. .

In 1977 the cancer which will kill Barbara Pym three years later is, her doctor tells her, in remission. Her reputation, too, looks healthier. Years of publishers' rejection slips after being dropped by Jonathan Cape in 1963 now over, she is the object of a flurry of attention, thanks to the shortlisting of her novel Quartet in Autumn for the Booker Prize. Still she asks herself: "What is the future for my kind of writing?"

On November 23, Pym (exquisitely understated by Patricia Routledge) sallies forth from the house she shares with her sister (who

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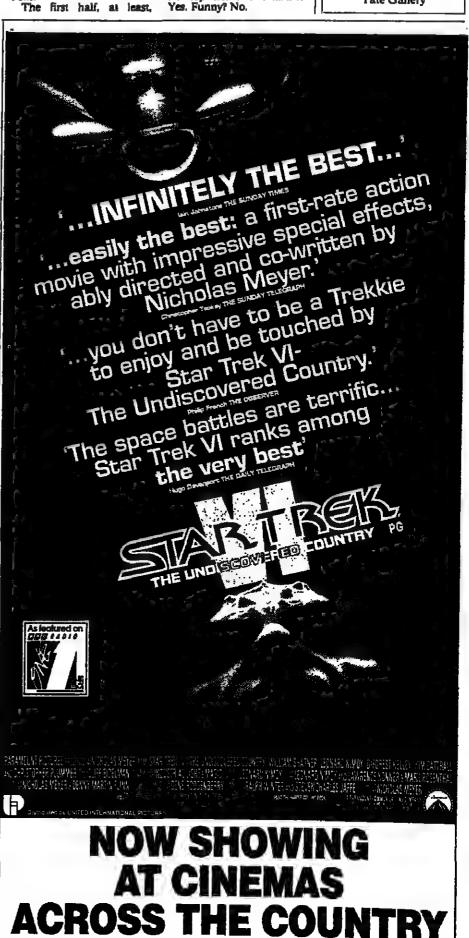
plays herself, admirably) in a Cotswold village to attend the prize-giving dinner. The film attempts to reconstruct its subject's stream of consciousness during that day, interweaving vignettes from her novels with letters to Philip Larkin and, presumably, jottings from the notebook she carried everywhere. Pym's day begins — slightly improbably - with a sermon comparing life to a piece of embroidery ("some people don't put in enough stitches"), thus identifying the first of her two principal loves: the Anglican church and English literature. About the portly but single Vicar of Finstock (lan McNeice), various widows and spinsters - including, it is suggested, the heroine - entertain matrimonial daydreams. At the church bazaar, he fawns over the visiting Jilly Cooper, who sidesteps him in order to pay

But the depths of Pym's religiosity are also fathomed. In London she falls to her knees to pray for herself, "this sick member". In the aftermath of the dinner she thanks Larkin for one of his blackest and most atheistic poems. She does not share his certainty of extinction, but for her, too, literature is "all about failure". The irony of her own situation — long neglected and thus capable of redis-

homage to a superior novelist.

covery - does not escape her. The best moments are occasioned by embarrassment. Tom Maschler, Cape's literary adviser, has to explain to her how he came to reject her novel. "It didn't occur to me to read it," he says, pointing out that others at Cape had already done so. Perhaps some of those who watched this satisfying miniature will follow suit.

Daniel Johnson



Snakes in the grass of history

Harold James finds Francis Fukuyama's attempt to make man's destiny manifest in one volume is well-timed, now that the euphoria of 1989 has abated

would happen if all expectations were to be suddenly fulfilled by a historical fairy godmother? Having nothing more to hope for, and as a result nothing more to live for, we should

In this new world, there would be no point in being optimistic, because everything that might be desired has already been realised. Perversely, pessimism in this uto-pian world would emerge in re-action to the absence of optimism.

Over the past three years there has been a considerable rethinking of amitudes to the future. The end of communism has produced a pro-nounced anti-utopianism. Does this indicate that we have reached a utopia in which utopias disappear? 1989 fundamentally transformed the political and intellectual land-scape, not just in Eastern Europe. The triumph of political liberalism in combination with market econ-

perception that the two were logically linked, ended the attractions of dreams of the left.

People may of course change their ideas, and they frequently do. But the creators of ideas, intellectuals, are perhaps curiously often the most resistant to this sort of change, because they have built careers on a

particular interpretation.

So when the left critique of contemporary society collapsed, the old guard reformulated and defended their position in terms of a deep scepticism about the new political environment. How often is it said by those who formerly eulogized East European authoritarian states that the situation has deteriorated, that the risks of change have been too high, that the costs cannot be calculated! After 1989, an old division of political outlooks reemerged, with the signs reversed, around the poles of optimism and pessimism. The pessimists were the former optimists, a classical 20th century vintage, believers in plan-

On the other side the new optimists thought that the unplanned principles of a liberal economic and political order could be applied universally, irrespective of very diverse cultural and social traditions. The pessimists in turn say the optimists are simple-minded.

No statement caught the new mood of 1989 better than an anticipatory essay, published in the summer, before the east European revolutions really unfolded, in a small American journal, the National Interest. Entitled "The End of History?", Fukuyama's article rapidly drew international attention, to which he has responded with a 300 page restatement of the thesis, with more historical details (some unfortunately bizarrely incorrect, such as the claim that before 1780 there were no democracies, or that the English civil war was fought between Catholics and Protestants).

In 1989 he had pointed out not only the weakness of authoritarian states (whether on the left or the right) and the strengths of liberalism, but also suggested that since History had depended on the clash of docurines, it had now arrived at an End. Beyond liberal democracy

Only on the surface did this account appear to be a powerful and attractive argument for optimism. While the world of liberal democracy guaranteed peace, stability and toleration, at the same time it brought homogenisation, con-sumerism, and a decreasing interest in politics. Fukuyama thought this would turn out to be rather "sad".

Man does not live by the accumulation of material wealth alone, but needs a self-esteem which can be inflated into the desire for domination over others. Such virtue, in Fukuyama's account, moulded aristocratic society and produced art. philosophy, music, as well as war and conflict. As we know from The Third Man, liberal democracy means the cuckoo clock, not Michelangelo. Like Harry Lime,

Fukuyama thinks this is depressing. In 1992 Fukuyama's triumphalist melancholia appears even more compelling. In the former East, the epoch of struggle against tyranny

THE END OF HISTORY the painful and bewildering task of AND THE LAST MAN By Francis Fukuyama Hamish Hamilton, E17.99 the market.

The End of History identified in the book is the outcome of a process. driven by a "Mechanism or set of first causes", produced by science and leading to an economic logic of industrialisation. Fukuyama be-lieves his Mechanism is Hegelian.

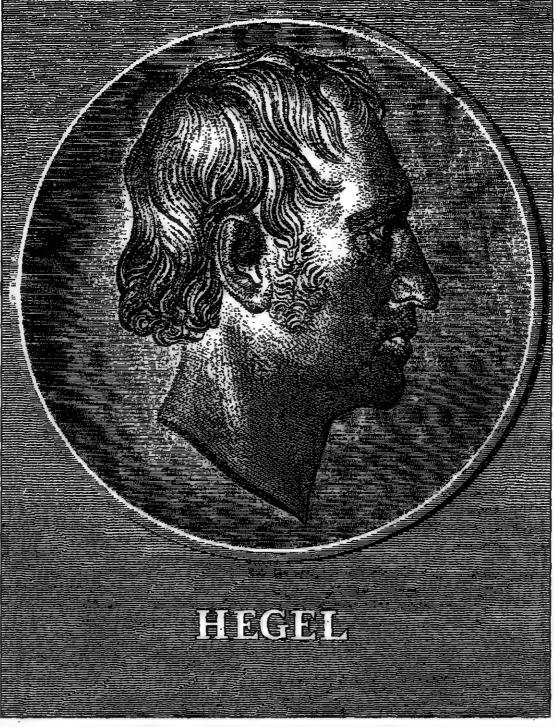
In reality it is a misinterpretation of Hegel perpetrated by a Russian emigre in the 1930s, Alexandre Kojeve, who held Hegel to say that the historical process could come to a linal stop. That historical halt had been 1806, the year of Napoleon's victory in the battle of Jena over the last strong authoritarian ancien regime state. Everything after this was merely a postlude.

Fukuyama's other pessimistic gurus are Friedrich Nietzsche (the alleged slave mind of modernity and the consumerist "last men") and Alexis de Tocqueville (the equalising effects of democracy).

ike an updated de Tocqueville. Fukuvama is both fascinated and appalled by the extension of democratic egalitarianism. He dislikes the idea of holding out self-esteem to everyone, irrespective of behaviour or moral qualities, since both of these are relative, and according to contemporary orthodoxy are not the property of the individual, but instead the outcome of broader. impersonal social forces. He points out that egalitarian principles of this kind could be used to protect the selfesteem of dogs, or trees, or amoeba, or indeed Aids viruses.

In this world, politics stops being about differences and begins to be concerned with the generation of new equalities. At this point, according to Fukuyama, it fails to meet the requirements of human self-esteem and we move to the finalities of the grand drama of Hegelian Capitalsation. Since we have reached the End of History and we are the Last Men and There Is No Alternative, it is impossible to escape.

Fukuyama has written a fine account of the absence of a sense of history in contemporary America. Americans have had no recent







Fukuyama's three prophets: Hegel, de Tocqueville (left) and Nietzsche

emerience of war and destruction on their own serritory, and find it impossible to imagine what History can do. Instead. American society

treats history as a costume pageant.
It should be said that America has had both a sense of idealism and of historical mission. Fuluyama's writing is an expression of the sentiment of a great liberal cause. Nor is modern America unique in existing without a European notion of historical consciousness.

Japan from the 15th century survived historylessness by develop-ing a set of formal, contentless ritual acts such as tea-serving and flower arranging. The condition was more general, however, and Europe be-fore the Enlightenment had a sense of history only in as far as this was provided by a Christian and nonworldly teleology. Indeed non-theological long-term patterns were only discovered just before Kojève's Hegel thought they came to an end. For a big phenomenon, Capital-ised History had a brief life: 1789 as birth and 1806 (according to Hegel-Kojève) as death. Was it the triumph

or the End of Ideologies or even the End of the Cold War that Hegel foresold in 1806? The notion of historical mission survived 1806 in the idealism of the developmental theories of old-style liberals, and in the utopianism of socialists. Both believed their cause would triumph because of historical

of Napoleon or the Rise of the State

necessity. Both optimisms appeared to be refuted by experience the liberal version by the failure of liberalism in 1914, the socialist

optimism by 1989 (at the latest). Fukuyama has tried to rescue optimism by linking it with an giac nostalgia for aristocratic society. Ancient Japan holds the solution for our behavioural probiems as much as modern Japan might provide a model for a new economic rationality.

We should, if we were to follow Fukuyama, convince ourselves to be optimistic while we cultivate our tea ceremonies. But there are also less narcissistic ways of expressing op-timism, and they include being just relatively proud of where History has got us, rather than completely convinced that we are right.

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Nevermore the Raven?

've got nothing left to say. I haven't had for years," claims the novelist Fielding Gray, Simon Raven's fictional counterpart and frequent mouthpiece, in the seventh and final volume of the First Born of Egypt se-quence, titled The Trouba-

"But", qualifies Gray with characteristic mock-modesty, "one learns lots of tricks as one grows old in the profession, so one can go on for a long time dolling up the same old thing to look fresh and attractive." Raven is an irrepressible tease, and it is in great part his gritty British irony that

has earned both the Alms for

Oblivion series and this concluding one (which, taken in narrative conjunction, constitute the longest roman fleuve in contemporary literature) such a heady cult-readership. But the test of any sequel, never mind the closing episode of a monumentally established collection, must lie in its ability to withstand individual scrutiny, to appeal to the uninitiated. Even if populated by the same "morally derelict" personages as its precursors, and even if these are still driven by the same malevolent sense of anarchy, The Troubadour can, and amply does, hold its own. The fact that the pages are per-pered with Raven's now familiar footnotes referring the

reader back to earlier yarns does not detract from the book's essential impact. This slightly quaint retrospective device is a mere authorial doff in the direction of the seasoned devotee, rather than a snobby means of intimidating the newcomer. Aside from Raven's evident obsession with his barmy dramatis personae, the sheer prolifigacy of his output must, in part, be explained by the

near hysterical tempo of the

narrative itself. Only a matter

of months divides the preced-

Paul Golding

THE TROUBADOUR By Simon Raven Hutchinson, £13.99

ing In The Image of God from The Troubadour. How does Raven get away with it? With consummate ease: for all the arguable fatuity of his plots, he writes like a dream. His spiffy donnish prose is crudite to the point of immodesty; and the thematic allure of his work

seems never to dim. The strength of his writing is based on a conscious play of extreme contrasts: archaic pomposity is relieved by puerile levity: nitpicky social stric-tures, by sexual laxity; obscure classical allusions are set against jaw-dropping profanities, dead-pan documentary realism, against "clever optical effects", visions, intimations and flights of lunatic

hat distinguishes
The Troubadour,
however, is its (alleged) finality. From the dustjacket inwards, we know that this, boys and girls, is it. And the reptilian head of noxious Raisley Conyngham does, at long last and all but literally.

Plenty of others also meet their unlikely ends, but the fact that a choice handful of beguiling figures (the all important Fielding Gray among them) still remain on the fictional chopping block, leads one to suspect that, although this memorable saga has come to a regrettable close, Raven's retiring stance may in fact turn out to be a posturing hoax. In which case, even if the next offering only amounts to "a story, at best a legend", late-converted mythological wolves baying at the moon for more.

New rash of nappy novels

novel describes with almost embarrassing accuracy the extraordinary, often maudlin and sentimental reaction of most women to remarks. The Baby has not been much examined in literature, and those who have not yet experienced the power exerted by that bald fat deity may feel that the emotions captured here are at best a glimpse of the obvious, at worst too pathetic to be arriculated.

What the childless reviewer will fail to appreciate is how truthfully Emerson depicts the heightened state in which the new mother exists, once her suit and her orderly desk have been taken from her, and her fine mind has nothing to exercise itself on other than the mysteries of Penelope Leach and the One-

O'Clock Club. For all is roller coaster-like ecsiasy — the longing for the baby to sleep, and the dreadful panic-stricken longing for it to wake up; the insecurity without it, the longueurs with it: the misery of half an hour's separation, the strange feeling of indivisibility...

As Emerson emphasises, the only proper term for this relationship is the grand passion. With the obstacles posed to the effair in the post-Pill feminist generation by the equally powerful goddess of work, she neatly sums up London today as women meeting secretly to "talk in low voices about their babies when they used to meet secretly and talk about their

n this latter-day idyll the serpent is of course The Nanny. And in this case the plight of the nanny, in reality a disturbed dispossessed mother at the mercy of her odious barrister ex-husband, deepens the theme of maternal bonds while only straying a little towards Patricia Highsmith. Set against a wittily evoked

background of the confident professional classes this frequently moving and accom-plished novel deserves to be widely read.

In contrast Maureen Freely's The Stork Club takes parenthood into Mel Brooks/Woody Allen/highanxiety-is-the-only-art-form territory.
In Southern California the

sardonic Mike, apparently the last bastion of unregenerated male chauvinism, and still holding out against green nurseries and earnest feelgoodism, is forced to adopt sheep's clothing in order to rekindle his feminist wife Laura's affections.

Rebecca Fraser **SEPARATION**



By Sally Emerson Scribners, E14.99 THE STORK CLUB By Maureen Freely Bloomsbury £14.99

Abandoning his law practice for the sake of her fulfilment he becomes primary caretaker and househusband and at the mercy of the limitless empathy of the female support groups who used to get Laura through the

Though initially he is overcome with self-disgust at his previous contempt for such thoughtful and caring human beings, in the end nature prevails over nurture, and Mike shows the ultimate support for his wife's best friends by seducing all of them - in the process losing

Hysterically funny set pieces summon up an alarming if politically incorrect overview of what the future holds. My only gripe was that they were somewhat uneasily intercut with Mike's elegies for past love, as the character of the ingrate Laura, in all the helter skelter fun, is never sufficiently well established for us to care whether she runs off with an Onassis, or

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Not Anglicans, but angels

After this week's general synod, Edward Norman asks whether a secular society still needs a church intended for sinners

There are sayings of Christ which suggest that the church he came to establish will always be a minority affair, and the number of those who take his message seriously and use it as the pattern for their own lives has always been modest.

He delivered his truth, nevertheless, to a gathered people, and not to an intellectual system or to personal writings. There are occasions in history when exactly who these people are need not be defined too precisely - in times when there is general confidence in the sustaining culture within which the Christians of the period express the time-

MARCHING TO THE PROMISED LAND divine salvation. But when the Has the Church a Future? John Murray, £17.95 under-

mal relativism and by the disintegration of ancient values, then the clear identity of the "people of God" (to use the splendid expression of the Second Vatican Council) becomes of the greatest importance. In such a context the everlasting task of deciding what is transient, and may without hazard be aban-doned, and what is crucial to faith, rests on their prophetic judgment.

mined by intellec-

How adequately prepared are the "people of God" in Britain for all this? May the prelates arranged upon the benches of the House of Lords be seen without hesitation as the contemporary representatives of the apostles; may the synods be compared with the ecclesiastical assemblies of the past? Is the decline in British church membership the indication of a terminal sickness, or is it only the stark revelation of a minority concern for religion that

has always in reality been the case? The Church of England, whatever its inspirational qualities and the affection still felt for its presence within the national life, has two major problems. The first is that it has no agreed pedigree. or, as churchmen would put it, it

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any are called, but authority of general councils to few are chosen. determine its doctrines but has no way of taking part in them, separated by the Reformation from the larger parts of Christendom. It has a partially acknowledged crisis about its own authority.

The second problem derives

from its progressive internal secularization. This is also its strength in a perversely English manner. The church is simply too close to prevailing attitudes. The public and the intelligentsia are impatient of exact doctrine and want, to the extent that they want anything of religion, a church ded-icated to benevolence and welfare. So does the Church of England,

and in varying degrees of consciousness that seems to be the position of the other British churches as well The clergy are able in the guise of welfare officers

than they are as teachers of doctrinal truth and intermediaries of sacramental mysteries. Let anyone who doubts this call

in at the average parish church and take in a sermon. The content will invariably derive from some aspect of current sacral values whatever enthusiasm for human welfare is at the moment to the fore of public debate. Religion has become re-interpreted as the bas-tion of the High Moral Ground in matters of social justice. There is an odd class unanimity

about this: both the public and the intelligentsia expect religion to be primarily a matter of humanitarian ideals and social decency. That it is more properly to be regarded as something addressed to the unpleasing facts of human nature, and is all about divine discrimination and impending judgment does not have appeal — even, apparently, among the clergy. Christianity no longer presents itself as the hope of the morally frail, the refuge of sinners. It is, like the secular idealism around it, the higher dimension of humani-

Precisely because things are as they are it would be quite wrong to blame the leadership of the has no unambiguous "doctrine of the church". It believes in the church. They are the victims of a

tarian censoriousness.



In this anonymous allegory, the dying Henry VIII hands on to his son Edward VI the task of completing the English reformation by trampling on the Pope.

condition not of their making. When it comes to accommodation and equivocation they are no worse than their predecessors, as a glance at the Victorian bishops will show. When it comes to sympathetic presentation of pastoral concern they are as good as any have been before them.

It would be helpful if the distinction between the leaders and the led were removed from discussion of the existing pros-pects for Christianity in Britain. The Anglican experience of synodical government in the last two decades shows that the laity, once let in on the act, are not qualitatively different from the

cierical leadership. The church is patently falling to identify itself in society; It has no clear message that is distinctly spiritual in content, and it persistently misuses its resources. It is actually the same with most other institutions in British society. But the church, the "people of God", should be different: it should be saying something about the spiritual state of individuals. That is more important than grinding on about their welfare entitlements.

In his evenly-written account of the churches, Ian Bradley, a minister in the Church of Scotland, surveys the current state of all the denominations. It is one of the advantages of his work that he does so, and anyone seeking an accurate and well-mannered account of the condition of the churches will find it here.

Bradley has the gift of stating different positions with fairness.

But his survey is also predictable. Despite occasional fissures which point to the depths, his analysis remains largely on the surface. He recognizes the two problems of authority and secularization, but the book devotes most of its space to describing symptoms of the malaise, rather than the nature of

The churches themselves are obsessively worried about their inability to define an effective role in society. But what is wrong is that they have mistaken their

the causes of it.

modern society do not regard themselves as sinners. They look to the church for a social message one which stops short of political interference. Spiritual injunctions aimed at eliciting repentance seem unlikely to appeal either to the clergy or to their people.

message. The good news of the

Gospel is for sinners, but people in

Dr Norman, a distinguished ecclesiastical historian, is Chaplain of Christ Church College,

belief in love

rooding and unsure who he is, like Hamlet, with whom he has always identified, Bill Unwin. the Ellison Fellow at Trinity, Cambridge (or a college occupying the same space, and likewise enjoying an avenue of limes) decides upon self-slaughter. But he botches it, and discovers that for him. Ever After began not with his own death, but with that of his beloved wife, the actress Ruth Vaughan. "Ah, yes, the monstrosity, the iniquity of love — that another person should be the world."

Love can make us believe so. Make believe so, perhaps, like the love Ruth feigned when playing Cleopatra. Or is love a belief in the sense of a conviction, like the belief in evolution which ruined Bill's Victorian forebear, Matthew Pearce? Is a love affair, a marriage, a matter of choice,

or convenience, or providence? Like Bill's. Manhew's marriage seemed to be made heaven, as his

preserved note-

books reveal, but then with the death of his baby son and the discovery of an ichthyosaur, his heaven fell in. Together, the inexplicable, unforgivable squandering of human life, and the age-old fossils (uncarthed near the grey coast with its melancholy, long, withdraw-ing roar) sapped Matthew's Christian faith, forcing him to part from his wife despite

How different was the accidental, expedient marriage of Bill's gadfly mother and his stepfather. Sam. in post-war Paris. Here, as a child, Bill saw that "a whole world existed in which men did up the backs of women's dresses at four o'clock in the afternoon." For Sam, "it was just a fling. It just happened to end up lasting forty years." He never believed in a girl for every boy and a boy for every girl, "It's just who you get thrown against in the trolley-car, and there's more than one trolley-

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cur and more than one ride." Yesterday, Darwinians like Matthew were pilloried as descended from apes, yet today no one believes the old poetic fiction of a creator. Tomorrow, perhaps everyone will follow Sam in discarding the delusion of romantic love; and will they be human? Deny love, that "concoction of the poets", and for Bill - as

for Graham Swift - life is

nothing. In this beautiful, meditative book, Swift's sympathies are with the romantics. like Bill, even as he contemplates the chance of another trolleycar ride: "He is filled with dismay, a giddy sense of arbitrariness, an apprehension that the universe holds nothing sacred; all of which is only to be stilled by the imperative of loyal resis-tance. How finely this catches the temptations we face - we who only live once and wonder what-the-hell.

Perhaps the book is too schematic in making flexible Sam a big noise in plastics, his very speech a vulgarity ("You gotta have substitoots"). And perhaps Bill's academic rival — a professional as well as a sexual charlatan - is a knock-down figure. But despite the univer-

sity setting, these

are not the shal-

lows of a David

Lodge or a Mal-

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EVER AFTER By Graham Swift

- those big Picador, £14.99 noise substitoots. Swift is set acute observation and thrilling exactness of description. He hears the rhythms (and rhymes) of prose, and sees the justice of French mots for describing Paris: "I must have been, by then, a fully-fledged

truant, fläneur, voyeur . . . Looking back on the rapture of his mother's shopping expeditions, Bill now under stands her selfishness. "Coming out with her booty, she would hug me ardently, as if it were I who had enabled her. so successfully to succumb." The assonance of sound -"successfully . . . succumb" -conspires with the dissonance of meaning. To succumb is

This is a dissipation determined to give in to everything, yet without the courage of recklessness. She also surrenders — Pyrrhic success - to other appetites. "Une creme, un jus d'orange". and, failing back into expressive English. "... two of those wicked little tarts" - that double entendre in the presence of a child pointing straight to her misuse of him

not to triumph, but to yield.

as a shield of innocence. This is exceptional writing. not showy or meretricious. Loving fidelity to his art has rewarded Graham Swift. After the disappointment of his last novel, the author of Waterland is back on form.

talo Calvino's death in L loss for literature. His was a darting, playful, pro-found spirit, a quickener of the morose and leavener of

the heavy.

His agility and his ability to surprise may be sensed throughout Six Memos for the Next Millennium, a series of lectures which death prevented him from giving. "Memo" implies both re-minder and informal address, and that is exactly what these are: upholding and thus reminding us of the literary values of lightness, quickness, exactitude, visibility and multiplicity. The sixth — on consistency - was never written. They are the best commentary on his own fiction and far more than that.

In "Lightness" he explains his early abandonment of social realism by calling on the Perseus myth: to face the world directly is to turn to

faced with "Heaviness", in the "invisible particles" of Lucretius, of Cyrano de Bergerac, and of modern science which makes all things equal and as magically combinable as are the letters of the alphabet.

In "Quickness" he lingers on a Charlemagne legend which illustrates how "in a narrative any object is always

magic". The millennial warnings are as crisply done. He traces the horse as an image, throughout literature, of speed; pin-points our own age of the frantically fast as opening with De Quincey's account of a near-miss on a mail-coach: then

distinguishes mental speed from its homogenising and flattening media equivalents.

the process a iustification of literature as a sharpener. not a blunter. of differences. The agonising

slawness of lit erary creation he personifies in Vulcan, but Calvino's own patron is the winged god Mercury.

In "Exactitude". Calvino

inveighs against the carelessness of modern language use, the "pestilence" of the visual media and its "unending rainfall of images", and our "loss of form" - indicating how deeply this most subver sive of novelists depended upon the rules of the game. Indeed, he makes us hyper-

aware of those rules, and thus

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SIX MEMOS FOR THE NEXT MILLENNIUM UNDER THE JAGUAR SUN By Italo Calvino

and worries over Cape, £5.99 and £10.99 refuses to be the mass of "prefabricated

imagery, littering minds "like a rubbish dump The fifth essay has turned out to be Calvino's final word. With its references to Flaubert, Borges, Valery, Proust et al. he places himself in the grand modernist tradition while resting his hopes for the literary future on that continuing "active scepticism" which he sees in all the great

books of this century. Conflu-

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and the manifold: Calvino's sufficiently to question "Visiweave is elaborate and utterly them. "Visi-bility" is an straightforward at the same time. What would he have said in "Consistency"? The sixth memo rides on the wind somewhere: a very Calvinolike entity, in fact.

The three stories in Under the Jaguar Sun are in search of a frame, as Calvino himself admitted. Three of the five senses provide each with its accumulating metaphor, so there is form of sorts; but, in the end, the book is something of a lost soul, as if the various false starts in If on a winter's night a traveller were made to stand alone.

The first story, in which a couple erotically recover each other among the hot spices and ancient cannabalistic cruelties of Mexico. lacks

mish-mash of olfactory periods to show the stink behind the scent. The middle story, however, is a small master piece. Using Calvino's favoured second person, "vou" sit on a throne, immobile. alert, intent on sounding out treachery: the palace is "your ear" on fate. Calvino takes us on an aural journey into our own paranoias. "Does some story link one

Calvino's usual freshness, while the last is an unhappy

sound to another?" Once again (as in all his best works) Culvino makes us aware, not just of his own "pursuit of things", but of our own breath, our own querulous humanity.

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Saved by the wood

or the animal rights brigade the mink poses nasty dilemma. Caged up by capitalists for the adornment of their kind, he is symbolic of wicked exploitation. Let loose in the countryside he is liable to murder all the fauna within range. How bold therefore of

Gene Kemp to try to write a narrative poem about this unpleasant creature. Her setting is Wistman's Wood ("it's in all the guide books") down on the western edge of Dartmoor. The burden of her tale is the surreptitious release of a mink-farmer's stock and the subsequent battle between the mink and the animals who live in the gnarled and rocky confines of the Wood. Poetic licence allows shifts of tone from onomatonoeic descriptions to colloquial comments, with a quantity of animal dialogue thrown in. The dilemma persists how-

ever. Faced with the combination of liberated mink and slaughtered brocks, Gene Kemp backs away into unconvincing fantasy. She introduces a visionary albino rat (female, of course) who summons up the Whisht Hounds, the devil-dogs of West Country legend, and between them they bring about a magical truce. As the poem closes the mink are dispersing to create mayhem in other parts of the

landscape. This ridiculous scenario might be tolerable if it were supported by some assured balladry. Gene Kemp though



Badgers: a wood engraving by Andrew Davidson

Brian Alderson

has never tried this kind of writing before, and she is quite unable to sustain the rhythmic drive needed by a narrative poem with a pun-



THE MINK WAR By Gene Kemp Illustrated by Andrew Davidson Faber, £4.99 paper

would be beyond redemption were it not for the gallant assistance of Andrew Davison who has somehow been inspired to create a series of spectacular wood engravings for the book.

Seven tautly cut vignettes and ten big. smoothly rhythmic designs consort oddly with the labouring prosody, but they do catch something of the atmospheric effects after which the ballad was

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Marcus Binney on Saltire Court, a building that has erased a notorious blot on Edinburgh's landscape

Sight for sore eyes in Scotland

in the grand manner which responds faultlessly to its setting below the west end of Edinburgh

Saltire Court, now let as a multipurpose complex containing oflices and shops, succeeds because its young architect, Alan Robinson, of Campbell & Arnott, has a natural gift for handling scale and mass. The most obvious comparison is with Terry Farrell's new office building on the Thames above Charing Cross station. I put it to Mr Robinson that some hightechnology architects couldn't reconcile themselves to Farrell's building, though they accept its power. "What's wrong with pow-er?" he asked. "I wanted strength.

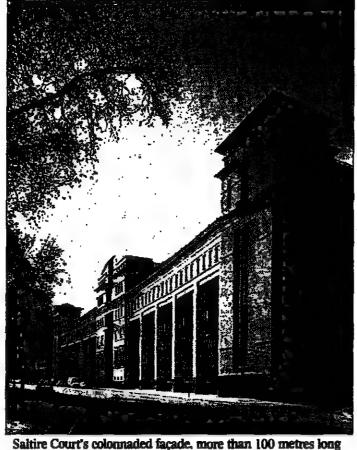
Saltire Court is also a vindication of the Prince of Wales's concern that more weight should be given to public opinion in competition judging. When the 22 entries for this site were put on show in Edinburgh, Campbell &-Arnott was the choice of 49 per cent of visitors. And by all accounts local people are well satisfied. "We haven't had a single hostile comment." Mr Robinson

ays.

For more than 25 years the site had been Edinburgh's most notorious eyesore, an embarrassing hole in the ground next to the Usher Concert Hall and the Lyceum Theatre. Numerous proposals, notably for an opera-house, burgh City Council opted for a commercial scheme with public benefits, and invited architects and developers to tender jointly. Campbell & Arnott's original proposal, submitted with Scottish Metropolitan was for a Scottish financial centre, with a public atrium containing shops and ca-fes, linked to Usher Hall. Others

proposed hotels.

The main front has the raised centre and ends typical of grand public buildings from the Renaissance onwards. In creating so deep and angular a colonnade, Mr Robinson risks clumsiness, but dispels it by designing the band of



windows above in a single majestic

of rough-cut rusticated stone. The

piano noblie has the customary long windows and balconies, on an elegant "X" pattern, with triple bands at top and bottom. Mr

Robinson eschews the mansards

which disfigure the top of many

modern buildings and his upper storey is set well back behind a

filrtations with curtain glass walling, Mr Robinson here takes

Edinburgh back to stone, a creamy Stainton from the north of

England with highlights of sand-

of the hall are breathtaking. He avoids a claustrophobic narrow-

ness by opening up the lower two floors with colonnades. Behind

these, twin staircases make a stately ascent to the first floor with

Inside, the vertical proportions

continuous balustrade.

In reaction to a few

stone from Gatelaw Bridge.

sweep right across the centre.

The deep colonnade has a practical purpose. It gains a full storey of well-lit office space in the basement. The corner towers have echoes of Lutyens and Baker in

New Delhi, with low loggias topped by over-sailing flat rooms and pudding domes. In the centre, a pair of these towers are linked by a glazed segmental arch which at night lights up. Beneath, Mr Robinson cleaves a narrow, vertical gash revealing the full height of the entrance hall

within. The two sides are linked by a steel balcony, continuing the line of the exposed steel lintels between the columns. "I did not want to create an impression of stone hanging in an impossible way,"
Mr Robinson says.

Look more closely and you see all the traditional classical ele-

girders. "I was consciously not high-tech. It's low-tech. The joints are quite crude," Mr Robinson says.

The palette appears to be a smart combination of white, black and grey, but everything which looks black, except the reception desk, is in fact a dark, graphite

erous landings. The flights are

grey. The hall floor is laid in diamond pattern of two shades of grey edged with pink tiles looking like polished granite. The lower walls behind the colonnades are in bands of alternating rough and polished-grey granite. An extra flash of elegance is provided by the balustrades of the first flight of steps, which disappear like hoops

straight into the ground. Mr Robinson's love of mass is in evidence with the curve of the rotunda shouldering its way into the atrium. Externally, this rotunda forms the public entrance and will be illuminated at night to catch the eye from busy Lothian Road. Immediately below is the new 250-seat Traverse Theatre, now leased to an experimental theatre company.

he flanks of Saltire Court are rather more plainly treated than the main front, but they are important as the streets on either side slope down steeply and frame views of Edinburgh Castle on its crag. Here, Mr Robinson's towers come into play, as the tops are seen right beside the castle. Every view has been considered. The new building looks well across the valley bottom from Princes Street and all the equipment on the roof is contained within pavilions intended to satisfy the eye of visitors

Over the centuries many compe-tition designs have been whiteled down by financial cutbacks but. while Mr Robinson had to do some trimming, notably the loss of the Usher Hall link, his design lost neither power nor finesse. Saltire Court deserves an award.

but even more, its architect deserves a place on the shortlists of



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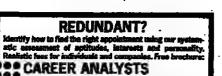
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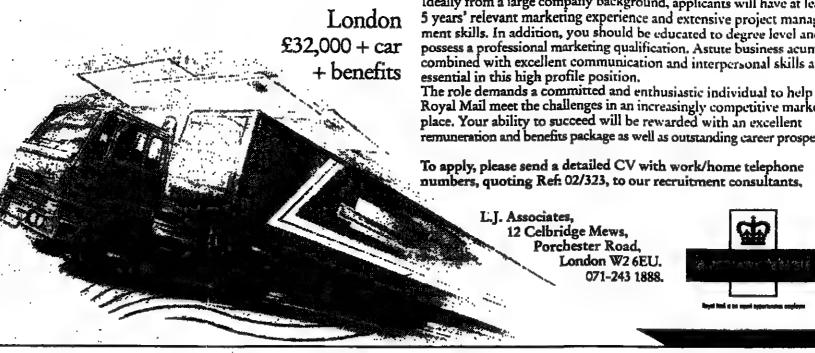
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Paths from the plateau

Managers who stagnate should re-assess their careers, writes

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areer plateau is a term that has been coined to describe the point at which managers find they can go no further in an organisation. Stripped of the incentive of promotion, they can easily become demotivated, experiencing not only a decline in performance, but also a sharp fall

in self-esteem. Alternatively, by refusing to accept that their careers have peaked, they may try to undermine the authority of those above them

or develop the destructive charac-teristics of a workaholic.
Yet, in spite of today's emphasis on self-development and career diagnosis, for many managers career plateauing remains a serious cause of frustration because neither they nor their organisations see the problem

until it is acute. In 1985, a report by the Sundridge Park Management Centre, in Bromley, southeast London, showed that in some large organisations half of all managers had plateaued.

There is no reason to think that the phenomenon has since gone away. The trend towards flatter, less hierarchical organisations suggests that in future there will be fewer opportunities for vertical promotion and that a growing number of managers will hit the plateau earlier in their careers.

Hank B. Karp, an organisational psychologist at the Person-al Growth Systems consultancy in Virginia Beach, Virginia, claims that in the United States the pressures of foreign competition, a rise in merger and takeover activi-ty and the demographic bulge attributed to the baby boomers of the 1960s have already led to an increase in career plateauing among middle managers.

However, plateauing, he says. does not have to be a problem. It becomes a problem only when its symptoms are ignored. Yet for those who know what to look for plateauing is easy to spot.

Plateaued managers, the ex-perts say, are likely to include: Those who have not been pro-



Taking the lead: older managers who have plateaued should redefine their role in the organisation. Carole Pemberton says

moted in the previous seven years. or have been passed over more

than once. Those for whom work assignments have become routine and who suddenly prefer to be anywhere except the office.

 Those who find that their per-formance has slipped and that they are less concerned than they used to be about wastage at work and ensuring that tasks are completed on time.

Those who are considering looking elsewhere for a job because

their loyalty to the organisation and their image of themselves within it have fallen. Other indicators are chronic lateness and absenteeism in for-

merly conscientious individuals. Too many managers, however, do not realise that they are

plateauing, Mr Karp says, and receive no help from the organis-ation that employs them. Left to their own devices they react in one of four ways. On the positive side, "immune" managers have no desire for promotion and continue to find work challenging even when their careers reach a plateau. "Adapters" understand plateauing and try to adopt a positive attitude to work that does not revolve around the next job

Problems occur with "internalisers", who equate promotion with self-worth, and "denying" managers, who refuse to accept that there is no room for advancement. believing instead that if they work longer and harder then promotion will follow.

rofessor Andrew Sou-erwine, at the University of Connecticut, says plateaued managers who feel trapped by their own inertia can also be disruptive to the performance of others within the

Their frustration makes them a real nuisance if they start using their creativity to try to become more powerful than the position llows," Professor Squerwine says. "In one case an individual who felt his job was beneath his ability began testing his boss, whom he saw as less able than himself. His motivation became, 'How high can I get my boss to jump today?" Most damaging of all, says Carole Pemberton, a research consultant at Sundridge Park, is the belief among managers that the level they have reached defines their ability. It is the connection between plateauing and com-petence that she challenges.

She says: "It is important to look at whether an individual is plateaued in terms of ability or because of the structure of the organisation. A lack of promotion opportunities can too easily be confused with a lack of ability, so that organisations start to see individuals as finished when all that has happened is that the number of rungs on the ladder have run out."

So what should you do if you suspect that your career has plateaued? Ms Pemberton, who introduced the "Reaping the Re-wards of Experience" programme at Sundridge Park this year, suggests that older managers should take the lead in redefining their role within the organisation.

As a starting point she advocates

that may have been forgotten and to recognise the assets that experi-ence bestows. "These individuals still have a lot to offer." she says. They should take stock of their careers and look at the direction in which the organisation is moving. They may then have to take more control by identifying projects that their experience equips them to do, or by telling the organisation

about ways in which their skills can be better used." Other suggestions from the experts include:

 Ask your boss to be frank about your promotion prospects and discuss your own aspirations. Perhaps you are impatient for advancement or have found a niche that suits you. Consider ways to make yourself

more attractive to the organis-ation, by adding to your qualifica-tions, for example. · Work with your boss to find new challenges outside work, through horizontal transfer or by second-

ment within the organisation.

• Re-assess the organisation to check that you are being realistic

Unemployment is a family affair

job can mean several shattered

now know that a person faced with redundancy needs professional support and advice. Few realise that the partner is also in need of help.

DPS Consultants, an outplacement firm, says: "During redundancy a couple are going through a traumatic period, yet the partner's needs and anxieties are usually ignored."

When Mrs Gwenda Pal-mer was asked to accompany her husband. Sidney, on a three-day DPS seminar in Kent, she Kent, she thought it was a chance for

some sightseeing. However, the seminar was aimed at partners, as well as those made redundant.

"We were told where to go for financial advice." Mrs Palmer says, "and told the importance of keeping healthy and being well turned out for interviews. My husband had worked for the Royal Mail for 25 25 years, so the prospect of having to sell himself to somebody new was daunting. We were shown positive steps we could take to help him.

"Being married so long

means we work as a ream, and, having both attended the sem-inars, we could discuss issues together."
The most important thing

in redundancy counselling is to get the partner's support and understanding, says Terry Lyons, the chairman of the Institute of Personnel Managers national forum on Mr Lyons, a director of Hurst Associates (Europe), an

LIKE a bullet, redundancy outplacement consultancy. says: "It is vital to explain to the partner what is happening, may not cause much external damage, but the unseen effects and to give him or her an opcan be devastating. One lost portunity to talk about any strains on the family. We invite lives — those of the employee, partner and children. the couple to attend a counselling session together so that we Enlightened organisations

Often a partner will react

more emotionally than the employee. This protective instinct can cause resentment against the company.

John Ogden, a director of

Anger after losing a job is a part of the recovery

> rum in which a couple can talk about their problems and face them together." Dr Lea Brindle, an occu-

pational psychologist, says communication within the family is vital when a person has been made redundant. Anger and resentment at losing a job, he says, is a natural part of the recovery process. He advises redundant

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BIRTH, MARRIAGE

AND DEATH NOTICES.

sporting fish? **Jack Crossley** casts about for the answers

ander! The name cries out for an exclamation mark, but are we being fair to a fish which generates such headlines as: "Curse of the Zan-"Predator Feared by Match Anglers" and even

The zander is, indeed, an ugly beast. An alien predator introduced into this country from the Continent in 1878 when "despite gales and journeys by train and horse and cart. 12 flsh, one groggy, were introduced. lakes in Woburn Park at the seal of the Duke of Bedford. To add to the drama they were placed in the water at the dead of night, by lantern

> The quotation is taken from the book Zander by two scientists, one a biologist, the other a geologist, who feel the fish deserves a better press. They call themselves zandophiles, creating a word not yet to be found in any dictionary.

River Board transferred some from Weburn into pends near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, during the 1960s. Since then they have spread into Cambridgeshire and the sle of Ely. Lincolnshire. Bedfordshire. Nottinghamshire.

Zanders are voracious fish. with a jaw more powerful than that of a pike. The teeth fit into sockets on the opposing jaw and operate with a motion.

Are they a disaster for match anglers, who fish for the smaller species they gobble up in thousands, including mach, dace, bleak,

gudgeon and bream?

Learning to love the zander

"Kill Them All"?

the zander scare stories, began after the Great Ouse

Norfolk, Essex, Warwickshire. Buckinghamshire. Staffordshire. Berkshire. Kent, Worcestershire, Yorkshire. Surrey and Henford-

stabbing mo immobilising the prey.

No, say the authors of Lunder, both keen zander hunters. But they admit that when the fish first invaded the Lens, stocks of smaller fish



What a whopper: a zander, one of a species which, according to its supporters, should be given a chance to settle down in moderate numbers

(Serves 2)

2x4lb zander fillets

mixed herbs

salt and pepper

2tbsp wine vinegar

sml tin tomatoes

4oz mushrooms, chopped

40z cheese, grated

Sauce

loz butter or margarine

loz flour

4 oz cheese, grated

on) in a bath of water.

champagne vinegar, star an-

ise, vegetables and herbs. His

sauce includes carrors, leeks,

onions, mixed herbs, pepper-

corns, pernod, fresh ginger.

unsalted butter and a little

thyme. The fish is served on a

turnip paneake, with cucum-

ber. courgettes, chopped thyrne and deseeded chopped

A big dish for a big fish:the

rod-caught zander record

stands at 18lb 8oz and was

caught by Bob Meadows on

March 10 1988 at Roswell

Pit. Ely, Cambridgeshire. He

"We arrived at the water

around 7.45am - myself and

regular fishing partner. Steve

has written this account:

tomatoes.

were devastated. Since then, they say, it has become a splendid sport fish in its own right, becoming more or less settled ecologically and a respeciable member of the community. They insist: "The zander has been a villain. It isn't now, nor is it likely to be again. It is out on licence if you like, so let's give it a chance to settle down in moderate numbers (and all the indications are pointing that way) and give zander anglers a fair deal."

To zandophiles there is further encouragement: zander are good eating, and as well as telling you how to catch them, the book tells you how to cook them. As well as the recipe for zander pie given here, you can fry it, grill it. bake it and make soup out of it. Harrods sell zander at £3.80 to £4.20 a pound.

The word is obviously sprerading because, at £12.50 a portion, zander has recently taken its place on the menu at Rules restaurant. Maiden Lane. Covent Garden. Neil Pass, the 29year-old head chef. began experimenting with it a few months ago. One of this week's creations involves steaming zander fillers (skin

ZANDER PIE

First catch your zander. A 3-4lb fish provides two large fillets, ample for two people. Fillet the fish by cutting behind the head down to the behinders. Out off the fillet backbone. Cut off the fillet near the tail and remove the skin. Place the zander fillets in a large casserole dish. Sprinkle with the mixed herbs and season to taste. Add the wine vinegar, tom-

Sprinkle the grated cheese over the top of the fillets and cook in a medium oven for 30 minutes. For the sauce, melt the margarine or butter and add the flour, stirring continually. Gradually mix in the juice drained from the casserole and heat until a thick sauce is made. Stir the grated cheese into the sauce and pour it over the zander in the casserole. Grill until the fish is brown.

atoes and mushrooms.

was moving the float quite Gleeson . . . I tackled up one rod with roach livebait and quickly. the second rod with roach deadbait. I was using my standard pike tackle, only scaling down hook sizes to nice pike of 18lb 6oz. I took size 10 semi-barbless trebles. some photographs for him "After half an hour my float

with livebait was taken by a zander of 3lb. Another 40 minutes and I caught another zander of 51b 9oz After that brief burst of activity 10 o'clock arrived, and so did my brother Mick. He set up two rods, one with reach. one with herring . . .

"After a couple of long drifts I changed my ban for

dead roach, fished head up.

which I thought would act.

more naturally as the wind

Three pm arrived and just authai moment Steve shouted to me that he had a run of his drift float which resulted in a

and was just handing back his camera when he shouted Your float's just gone!" "I raced up the bank looking for my float, got to the rod, wound down tight and struck. My rod arched over and I felt solid resistance. Perhaps another pike, I thought, definitely a heavy fish. The fish stayed deep,

hugging the bottom, and

then ran straight towards me.

My 2121b test curve rod was

bent double as I applied heavy pressure and brought the fish up. 'It's a bloody zander,' we shouted. 'A good one.'

The water boiled as it went back down again. I told Steve to get the net ready and then I brought it to the surface again. This time it was shaking its head madly from side to side, and we could see the hooks right on the tip of the top jaw. I was very relieved that the fish was netted first go, as this zander was bigger than any I had ever seen before.

"Once the fish was in the weighing sling I gently lifted it off the ground and watched the needle go round ... 8lb ... 16lb ... 18lb. Yes, a new record."

The zander's weight was verified by Angling Times reporters and "after a quick photo and video session we placed the zander in a large landing net to rest in the margins to make sure it was fit before finally being released at 6.30pm."

 Zander, by Burrie Rickurds and Neville J. Fickling, Boydell Press, £10.95). Today's Law Report is on

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6.30 BSC Breakfast News presented, from 6.55, by Nicholes Witchell and Laurie Mayer (80219925)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (4941952) 9.50 Hot Chefs, Ken Hom's recipe for grilled lamb with assame sauce (5949730)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (6706643) 10.05 Playdays. Entertainment for the young, from Edgbaston, Birmingham (r) (1496865) 10.25 Bump. Animation (r) (6709730) 10.35 No Kidding. Quiz game show for familles, presented by Mike Smith

with Kate Copstick (s) (5279001)

11.00 News, regional news and weather (7882136) 11.05 Cashwise presented by Gloria Hunniford, Includes advice on energy saving at home and the presentation of the £25,000 cheque to the winners

at home and the presentation of the £25,000 checke to the winters of the Radio Times/Ideal Home competition (s) (7173575) 11.30 People Today presented by Miram Stopperd and Adrian Mills. Includes News, regional news and weather at 12.00 (3859372) 12.20 Pebble Mill. Music and chat introduced by Alan Titchmarsh. Among the guests is the former editor of Private Eye, now editor of The Oides, Richard Ingrams (3765136) 12.55 Regional News and

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(Ceefax) (s) (60984049)
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(3173/UT)
3.50 Melvin and Maureen's Music-s-Grams. Music series, with Sophie Adred and Matthew Devitt (6534681) 4.05 Jackanory. William Rushton reads Spelling Fight and Wrong (a) (8131372) 4.20 The Further Adventures of SuperTed. Cartoon (1)

(973000)
4.30 Dizzy Heights. The first of a new senes of the comedy drams set in a hotel, With comedy duo Heep and Wall (2114391)
4.55 Newsround (3764865) 5.05 Blue Peter presented by Yvette Fielding, John Leske and Diane-Louise Jordan. (Ceefax) (8) (5241952)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceelax) (s) (101440). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (643) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (223). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Tony Dortie and Mark Franklin (s)

(1001) 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (407) 8.00 Last of the Summer Wise. Another comic episode from the lives

8.00 Last of the Summer Wise. Another come episode from the lives of the three Yorkshire pensioners. This week Foggy dreams of riches when he thinks up a valet parking scheme. Starring Brian Wilde, Bit Owen and Peter Sallis (7049)
8.20 The Brittas Empire. Last in the comedy series starring Chris Barrie as the over-eager manager of a council's leisure centre

9.30 Crimewatch UK presented by Nick Ross and Sue Cook. The police hope to jog the memories of viewers in the cases of the murder, seven months ago, of Alexander Drummond from near St Andrews, Fite, and of a series of armed robberies in Bristo between August and December last year, thought to be the work of a gang of builders. (Ceelax) (720759)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news





Political dehate: MPs Peter Lilley and John Prescott (10.15pm) 10.15 Question Time presented by Peter Sissons. The guests are Bernard Ingham, Baronese Robson and MPs Peter Lilley and John Prescott (374643). Northern Ireland: Spotlight 10.45 Question Time
 11.15 Crimewatch UK Update (118020)
 11.25 Olympics '92 introduced by Desmond Lynam. Includes the final of

i Olympics "\$2 introduced by Destrond Lyrami, incurses are linear the men's 1,000m short-track speed-skating, the women's alsign and 3,000m short-track speed-skating relay, the men's 20km biathlon and ice hockey (571020). Northern Ireland: 11.45 Crimewatch UK Update 11.55-1.10em Olympics '92

Dam Weather (6584247). Ends at 12.45 2.00 The Way Ahead. John Murray explains April's new benefits for disabled people (3706792). Ends at 2.15

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Motion - Newton's Laws (8191952). Ends at

8.00 Breekfast News (2238933) 8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from both Houses

(9260117)
9.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather (10296845) followed by You and Me. For the very young (r) (74833662)
2.15 Advice Shop. A special report on the quality of life possible on a

British state pension compared to that of our European neighbours (7418001)

3.00 News and weather (8677001) followed by Westminster Live introduced by Vivian White (7610858) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (7452730)
4.00 Catchword, Paul Coia with another round of the game for

wordsmiths (136)
4.30 Wild World: Waddenzee. A documentary portrait of the coasta wetland covering an area of some 10,000 sq km on the borders of The Netherlands, Germany and Denmark that is an important nursery for fish and a feeding ground for an enormous number of migrating and wintering birds. Unfortunately it is under threat from a number of sources including land reclamation, pollution, military activity and tourism (r) (6045469)

Farnous Faces, Pavourite Places. John Godber visits his favourite northern haunts (r) (3545848) 5.30 Food and Drink (r) (s). (372). Wales: Redundant

(372). Wates: Recurdant

6,00 Ohympics Teday. Live coverage of the men's 1,000m short-track speed-skating in which Britain's Wilf O'Rellly is among the favourities to win the gold medal. Plue the women's slafom and the men's 10,000m speed-skating and 20km blathlon (841778)

CHOICE: It's easy to forget quite how devastating the closure of a plant can be for a small community. In this sad last essay on redundancy, we meet the Sanger family who have experienced the demise of the steelworks at Brymbo, north Wales. These are people whose vary lives have been defined by their jobs at the tectory. Now their prospect of employment in the area are grim, but the programme dwells on the positive as well as the negative. Geoff Senger, for example, has set himself up as a private investigator. It is unpleasant work, he claims, but you get the impression ha is rather enjoying it all the same. If the business falls he may join other members of his family in Libys doing contract work. Either way, he says: "I'm not going to be written off at 49." (4198). Wales: How Green?



Artificial intelligence: Chris Barrie and June Horrocks (9.00pm)

 CHOICE: Once a rather weak comedy series, Red Dwarf CHOICE: Once a rather weak comedy series, Hath Dwarr certainly gets better as it goes on. This fifth series is supposed to be seeing a little more action from the crew. In other words, Craig Clarles and his laid-back cronies might actually get out of the spaceship. This week only Rimmer (Chris Berrie) makes it, and then only on to snother spaceship. How long he will remain there is another question. Rimmer is delighted by the intellectual, tellow holograms he meets there, but he must take a fearsome exam if he is to he accentrate on heart. Viewers will be intrinued to see Barries. is to be accepted on board. Viewers will be intrigued to see Barrie at his most insufferable yet — yes, even more insufferable than as Gordon Brittes over on BBC1 — as he prepares to cheet his way to glory by flourishing his newly-acquired artificial intelligence.

(Ceefax) (2198)

9.30 Fire in the Blood. The fourth of six stories from today's Spain, lan Gibson assesses the Basque country's threat to the unity of the nation, (Ceefax) (466049)

10.20 Talking To Myself. Journalist Duncan Campbell is this week's subject of the DIY Interview series. (Ceefax) (678759)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (671339)

11.15 What the Papers Say Awards, introduced by Flussell Davies and presented by Roy Hattersley (332198)

11.55 Weather (413372)

12.00 Weekend Outlook. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (7888112)

programmes (7888112)
12.05em Open University: The Challenge of Judgment (5313228). Ends

6.00 TV-am (9247933) 9.25 Keynotes. Music game for teams, presented by Alistair Divall (1061675) 9.55 Thames News (4000372) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discu

10.40 This Morning. Magazine series (3720759) 12.10 The Riddlers. Children's pupper series (2429001) 12.30 News with Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather (6581759) 1.10

Thames News (53424662) 1,20 Home and Away. (Oracle) (97330391) 1.50 A Country Practice (52741285)

2.20 TV Weekly presented by Anne Diamond (10564943) 2.50 Take the High Road (4738407) 3.15 ITN News headlines (8694778) 3.20 Thames News headlines

(9684391) 3.25 The Young Doctors (6090730)

3.55 Toucan Tocs (s) (7455827) 4.06 Runaway Bay. Adventure serial set on the Caribbean island of Martinique (s) (8558399) 4.35

Dangermouse (2108730) 5.00 Cartoon featuring Pepe Le Pew (r)

5.10 Who's the Boss? American correctly series (5235391)

5.40 News with Carol Barnes: (Oracle) (389391)
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with details of the North London
Hospice Bereavement Service (688440)

6.00 Home and Away (f). (Oracle) (339)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (391)
7.00 Emmerdale. Scap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) (3469)
7.30 In Search of Wildlife: King of Beasts. The first of a repeat run of the nature series presented by wildlife artist David Shephard (575)
8.00 The Bill: Beggar My Neighbour. Officers of the Sun Hill force investigate a brutal attack on a vagrant and uncover a web of crime (Oracle) (2117)

crime. (Oracle) (2117) 8.30 This Week: The Little Lord Moynthan Mystery. A documentary investigation into the rival claims of two of the late Lord Moynihan Filipmo wives, each insisting that her son is the rightful heir to their father's title. (Oracle) (4952)



Prejudiced: Blair Underwood with Richard Dysart (9.00pm)

9.00 LA Law. CHOICE: A new series of LA Law gets off to a crecking start with the practice saved from distrusion and back in business tackling some absorbing courtroom cases. One of these has Rollins, the coloured attorney, shamelessly letting his feelings and prejudices get in the way as he defends a young black driver who refused to stop for police. But it is the second storyline that really holds the letteret. Eli Wellech whom western feels will remember as the interest. Eli Wallach, whom western fans will remember as the 'ugiy" in The Good, the Bad and the Ugiy, plays Judge Adam Blei

"ugly" in The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, plays Judge Adam Blel, an eccentric old dodderer whose competence becomes questionable. "Let me tilt at windmilts a little bit longer," he pleads quaintly. "I promise you, if they lift back, I'll go." Not surprisingly, he is over-ruled. (Oracle) (s) (1575)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather (62407) 10.30 Thames News (218489)

10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian drama serial (770049)

11.30 01. Includes a review of the film Prince of Tides and an interview with the male lead, Nick Notre (17020)

12.00 A Problem Aired. Counselling advice (10112)

12.30em Aired Hitchcock Presents: Mirror, Mirror. A woman preys on her unstable identical sister (91599)

1.00 Films: 12 Plus 1 (1969) starring Orson Welles, Sharon Tate and Vittorio Gasernen. Comedy about a New York-based Italian barber who travels to England to cleim an antique chair left to him by an

who travels unt. Directed by Nicolas Gessner (1004f)

3.00 The Truth About Women. Eve Pollerd, Teresa Gorman, Margaret
Forster and Lynda Ls Plante discusses the menopause (90792)

3.30 Murphy's Law Comedy drams estics starring George Segal as an insurance investigator (i) (28421)
4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (91421) 5.00 Videofashion (r) (54402) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (11841). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Dally (9245575)

· murane 9.25 Schools (94459117)
12.00 The Perliament Programme presented by Sarah Baxter (52020) 12.30 Business Daily. News and analysis from the world's money markets (88933)

1.00 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series (83488)
2.00 Film: Little Netille Kelly (1940, b/w) starring Judy Garland and George Murphy. Romantic comedy with songs about a young woman who is brought up by her stern grandfather who objects to

her choice of fiance. Directed by Norman Taurager who objects to her choice of fiance. Directed by Norman Taurog (673681)

3.50 The Singing Cowboys. Cartoon from Hungary (7454198)

4.00 Time to Talk. Lesley Judd talks to actor/writer Colin Welland about his life and faith (204)

4.30 Countdown. Richard Whitely with enother round of the words and timbers came (a) (302)

numbers game (s) (488)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. After three months research looking for the world's most eligible men, Oprah Winfrey tries to match

them up with (ovelors American women (7549730) 5.55 Laurel and Hardy, Carloon (619310) 6.00 The Crystal Maze. Six more contestants volunteer for the

adventure playground game, presented by Richard O'Brian

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (756391) 7.50 Comment (965681) 8.00 Free for All. Jilly Peacock, the Scottish stand-up comic, tries to

discover the true nature of Scottish identity; Adele Geras, the children's author, bemoans the cuts in council-run school library services; and Terry, a London beggar, questions attitudes to

begging (5989) \$.30 Vic Reevas Big Night Out. Comedy sketches (r) (s) (2594)



Avoiding the resurgence of intolerant nationalism (9.00pm)

9.00 The Germane: The Next Generation. CHOICE: The last programme in this consistently unemotional series looks to the future and the country's mixed reaction to the demise of communism. On the one hand there is relief, but there is also concern about the increasing numbers of eastern European refugees. "They are getting houses, money, television, cars, all the things we have spent years grafting for," says one teanager who fears a growth in neo-Naziam borns of resentment. But Germany is well aware of such dangers. Schools, universities and the new military are working hard to ensure that petriotism never turns into intolerant nationalism. We are talking, after all, of a country where even the celebrations for the 1990 World Cup prompted paranoid

headlines such as: "Football madness, a reminder of Nazi rallies."
(Telefact) (s) (9117)

19.00 Brides of Christ. Episode five of the six-part drams serial set in a Sydney convent during the 1960s, starring Branda Fricker.
(Telefact) (s) (1738662)

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11.05 Just For Laughs. Clive Anderson introduces more acts from the Montreal Comedy Festival (330730)

11.40 Russian New Music. The fourth of a ten pert series on the

development of music in Russia. This programme is devoted to the voices of Russian New Music (923092)

12.10am Late Night Love: Bingo, Bridesmaids and Braces. Australian film-maker Gillian Armstrong's film of the fives of three working-class Adeletics women (357247)

1.55 The Street American police deems series (5281678) Excess 2.20 1.55 The Street. American police drams series (5281678). Ends at 2.20 1

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4.45 Short Story: On the Market, by Brian Leyden. Read by Gerry McGrath (r) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Sht O'Clock News 8.30 The Blackburn Files: A Case of Hearts and Flowers. Private detective Stephen J. Blackburn investigates the theft of his trother index."

theft of his brother-in-law's Filotax (s) (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Soundtrack (FM column

Soundaraus (PM only):
Bouncing Back

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club bouncers in Derby go
back to school and take
exams. Fallure means that
they will not b licensed by
the city's pubwatch book.

customers first and asks
questions afterwards. Nick
Baker tonight sits in on a
typical exam at the end of a
course that has covered
everything from first-aid and
race relations to dealing with
difficult women (s)
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.00 Analysis: An Unnatural
Practice? Pater Harnessy
considers the prospects for
coalition government in Britain
8.45 My Four Green Fields:
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Connaught — Tuam. The novelist Joseph Hone talks about life in Ireland.

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners

9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)

they will not be licensed by the city's pub-watch body, and they could lose their jobs. Derby is the first city to try to create these new-style bouncars. They prefer to be called door supervisors, and they do not contom to the popular image of the human spe who punches unruly customers first and asks cuestions afterwerts. Nick

RADIO 3

Seam Weather, News Headlines
 7.00 Morning Concert Merais (Les
 Folies d'Espagne: Hensjörg
 Schellenberger, oboe, Roll
 Koenen, harpeithord,
 Johannes Finit, viole de
 gambel; Soler (Sonata No 10
 in B minor: Virgina Black,
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on 8 minor: Virgina Black, harpsichord)
7.30 Nows
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10 News
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8.30 News
8.25 Composers of the Week:
J S. Bech. Cardata No 147,
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Joshua Riffen, with Jane
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Bryden, soprano, Drew Minter,
counter-tenor, Jeffrey Thomas,
tenor, Jan Opelech, bess),
Suite in D, BWV 1012 (Anner
Bytsma, oslio)

9.35 Monding Sequence; Tartini
(Sonala in G minor, The
Devi's Trill, Dmitry
Stitowetsky, violin, Bruno
Carino, piano); Brahms
(Variations on a Theme of
Pagannin, Book One; Allan

Paganini, Book One: Allan Stemfield, pieno): Paganini, an Kreisler (Violin Concerto No 1 Kresser (Violin Concerto No 1 in D — first movement: Fintz Krosser; Pelasciephia Orcheetra under Eugene Ormandy); Lehér (Aria, Gern hab' io'h die Frau'n gektisst, Pegenin. Germen Artista' Theatre Orchestra under Emst Hauke, with Richard Tauber, tenor); Brahme (Variations on a Theme of Pagenini, Book Two: Allan Sternfield, piano); Berlioz (Harold in Italy: Montreal SO under Charles Dutoft, with Pinchas

Dutelt, with Pinches Dutoit, with Pinchas
Zukerman, viola)
11.35 BBC Welsh Symphony
Orchestra under Grant
Llewellyn performs Haydn
(Symphony No 49 of Finnor,
La Passione); William Mathias
(Oboe Concerto, Devid
Cowley); Stravinetry (La Belier
de la fèe)
1.00pm News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert
Live from St George's,
Brandon Hill, Bristol. The
planist Allan Schiller plays

Bueithoven (Plano Sonath in C. Op. 53; Waldstein); Protoffev (Plaicus fugitives, Op. 22)
9 Niew Londou Orchestra; BBC Singers under Ronald Corp., with Patricle Wright and Margaret Feetvour, eopranoa. Deborah Miles-Johnson, miszzo-eopreno, Nell Nackerzie, Isnor, Erindley Sheriitt, baiss, Roger Buriedict; viola, perform Vaugham Williams (Overture, The Wesps); Bridge (Three Tagore Songe); Vaughah Williams (Suite, Roc Campl); Bridge (Summer); Britten, orch

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Imogen Holst (Rejoice in the
Lamb); Vaughen Williams
Rusning Set)
3.25 Julian Bream and John:
Williams play music for two
guiters by Caruli, William
Lawes and Mauro Giuliani
3.55 Aldeburgh Feestival 1991:
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Sharoun Ensemble of Berlin
parforms Mozart (Quinter),
Movement in B flat for claringt
and strings, K 515c); Deflev
MOller-Siemers (Octat);
Schubert (Octat in F, D B03)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with
Jermy Beadle
7.00 News

7.05 Third Ear. The conductor Richard Hickox tuites to Michael Hall 7.30 Faust: St. Hedwig's Cathedral Choir, Berlin; Berlin RSO under Roland Beder perform Louis Spohr's opera in two acts. With Dietrich Fischer-Diesk

baritone, as Faust; and Haraid Stamm, bass, as Mephistopheles 9.30 Music for Four Clarinets: Thurston Cleanet Quartet
plays Albinoni, arr Thilde
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11.39 Cool and Crazy: The American tumpeter shid composer Shorty Rogers talks to Alyn Shipton (r) 11.36 News 11.35-12.35em Composers of the Week; Janacek (r)

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(a) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
8.25 Prayer for the Day 8.30
Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 8.40
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Weather

9.00 News 3.05 Face the Facts, with John

3.05 Face the Facts, with John Waits (f)

9.30 Two People: Colin Semper talks to two people who arrived at different decisions when confronted by the same moral differentia: Could Arri Greetham and Elaine Coursell lorgive the drunken drivers who had killed both their sons in separate road accidents? (f)

10.00-10.30am Charity Ends at Home (Fild only): The first of a so-part dramatisation of one of Colin Walson's Fladborough Chronicles (s)

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Chronicles (s)
18.00 News; An Act of Worship
(L.W only)
10.15 The Bible (L.W only): Issiah
David Neal reads the first of
16 episodes
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray
tolky to the abstract painter

talks to the abstract painter Jennifer Durant, Incl 11.00 11.30 From Our Own

12.39 From Unit view
Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Back to Square One:
Chris Serie cheirs a quiz that
delves into the origins of
words and phreses 12.55

Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archery (r) 1.55 Shipping

2.00 News; Today We'll Finish
Kents: A play by Colin
Douglae. Mr Bell (Paul Young)
teaches his class about the
Great Poels. Outside the

9.30 Kaleidoscope (a) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight
(s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The
Bindfold Horse, Memories of a
Persian childhood, written and
read by Shusha Guppy (9 of
10) (s) read by Shusha Guppy (9 of 10) (s)
11.00 Whip Hand: Third of a five-part dramatisation of Dick Francis's novel (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43
World Service (LW only) 4.00 News
4.05 Kaleldoscope is in Glasgow
as the Citizens Theatre opens
its new three-theatre complex:
reviews the touring production
of Anna Karenina; and The Faber Book of Soccer (s)

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